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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society

From 1792 to 1829 Inclusive.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MIDDLETOWN,

OCTOBER, 1792.

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1884.

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut Medical Society, held May 24, 1883, in Hartford, the Secretary was directed to correspond with the Secretaries of the County Societies with regard to publishing the literary papers and transactions of the Society of the early years up to 1830, and at the annual meeting, May 28, 1884, in New Haven, it was voted that 1,000 copies of the early proceedings of the Society, down to 1830, be published for distribution among the members.

The present volume is mainly taken from the MS. Records of the Society, which were in some essential respects defective, and the Secretary has endeavored to supply omissions from other reliable sources, but he is aware that his success in this department has been but partial.

The publication of the Records of the Society was begun in 1801, but there are in existence only very few of the earlier numbers. Most of the earlier numbers are *extracts* from the Society Records, and the reprint here presented is more complete, the record being given in full. In the first thirty or forty years the dissertations or papers were not published as part of the proceedings, but, in 1810, a publication of certain papers was ordered, and these will be found in the Appendix, together with other matter which will be of interest to some.

PREFACE.

The historical account of the origin of the Connecticut Medical Society, which would form the fitting preface to this volume of its early proceedings, has been so thoroughly given in some of the later publications of the Society that any attempt at an extended history of its rise would be superfluous, the more so as the most complete and systematic paper on the subject is of comparatively recent date (1873), and is doubtless in the library of most of the members. A list of these publications may be of interest, and is here given.

Address on the Early Physicians of Connecticut. Proceedings of 1851. Geo. Sumner.

Early Physicians of Fairfield County. Proceedings of 1853. Rufus Blakeman.

Origin and Progress of the Connecticut Medical Society. Proceedings of 1859. Ashbel Woodward.

Early Physicians of Norwich. Proceedings of 1862. Ashbel Woodward.

Historical Account of the Origin of the Connecticut Medical Society. Proceedings of 1873. Henry Bronson.

The memorial praying the establishment of a State Medical Society presented to the Legislature in 1763 by physicians of Norwich, although unsuccessful, is of sufficient interest to be reproduced here, and I have had it extracted from the Archives in the State Library.

To the Honourable General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to be Held at New Haven the second Thursday of October next—

The Memorial of us the Subscribers Physicians in said Colony Humbly sheweth That whereas life is the most Desirable of all Sublunary Enjoyments and Health so Invaluable a Blessing that without it in some Degree Life is little Worth And that the Promoting Medical Knowledge among Physicians is the Necessary and direct means to Restore health and even Preserve Life and is of great Importance as it will Render The

Practice of Physic more safe and Serviceable to the Patient And at the same time yeald more Satisfaction and Honour To the Profession—

And whereas more than one hundred years have already passed away since the Planting this Colony and Nothing has been Publickly done to Distinguish between the Honest and Ingenious Physician and the Quack or Emperical Pretender by Reason of which Imposture and Imposition has been and is still but too Commonly Practiced among us to the great Injury of the People as well as the Disparigment of the Proffession—

We your Honours Memourialists would therefore humbly pray your Honours to Take the Matter under your wise Consideration and Order & Enact that the Physicians in each County in this Colony for their Mutual Edification and Instruction have Liberty and power To meet Together in their Respective County's at such time and Place as they shall Appoint once in three months and at the First of such their Meetings choose a Committee of three or More approved Physicians to Continue for the Space of one year and Annually to be Chosen such Committee for the time Being to have full power to Examine and if found duly Qualified Approve such Candidates for the Practice of Physic who shall offer Themselves for Examination and if any Person offering himself Shall be Adjudged not Qualified and so not Approved by such Committee that such Person may apply himself to any Quarterly meeting in the same County and be there Examined And Determined by such meeting and Approved of if they think Fit by Proper Certificate and that for the future no Person or Persons that are not Already deemed Physicians who shall pretend to Practice Physic without such Approbation first had And Obtained Appearing by Proper Certificate be Allowed to Bring or Maintain any Action against any Person or Persons To Recover any Debt Demand or other thing for any service he or they shall Pretend to have done or Presumed as a Physician—

Or otherwise Enact and order some proper regulation for the Practice of Physic as in your Wisdom shall be thought most Proper And as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray Dated at Norwich The 27th day of Septr, 1763.

Theophilus Rogers	Joseph Perkins Physician
Joshua Downer	Elisha Tracy
Cyril Carpenter	Moses Morriss
Php Turner	John Barker
Obadiah Kingsbury	Elisha Lord
	Ebenezer Robinson

In the Lower House

The Question was put whether any thing should be granted on this Memorial—

Resolved in the Negative

Test Abrm Davenport Clerk

The failure of this petition did not dissuade Connecticut physicians from further attempts at organization, and the establishment of the Norwich Association was followed, in 1766, by that of Litchfield county. The next of which I have any knowledge is referred to (so far as I know) only in the columns of *The Connecticut Courant*, April 12, 1774, where appears a call, stating:

That at a meeting of the physicians of New London County held at Norwich Mch 24, the importance of taking some action looking towards the establishment of a medical police was discussed—and that the plan was proposed of having the physicians in their respective counties at once call their brethren together to choose committees to represent the several counties at a general meeting to be held at Mr Bull's tavern on election day "that the matter there may be taken into consideration, thoroughly discoursed on and suitable methods taken to compleat the thing proposed by the physicians of this County & the correspondent committee chosen at this place for incouraging the matter throughout this Colony. Signed by Joseph Perkins, Elisha Tracy, Benj. Gale, Eleaz. Mather, John Barker, Theoph. Rogers, Ph. Turner.

In the Courant for Apr. 19.–26, 1774, appears the call of the Hartford Co. physicians to meet at Mr. Joseph Flagg's tavern on Apr. 27, to choose a committee to meet the committees from the other Counties as above suggested.

This meeting seems to have had no permanent result, but the spirit of organization was not to be kept down, and we find the following in the columns of the *Courant*, Sept. 14, 1779:

Resolution passed at a meeting of Phys from Mass., York, & Conn. States.

The end of society is the common welfare & the good of the people associated. The end of this meeting is to form a Medical Society, to unite its members in a cordial affection, to add life and vigour to the healing art—to suppress quackarism (sic) & encourage medical knowledge & virtue . . . . . One of the greatest evils mankind suffer is disease & 2ndly the miserable ignorant & injudicious application of medicine. Imagine a person groaning under the pangs of some disease or the anguish of some wound. An ignorant pretender is called in for assistance by whose application the patient instantly expires or a foundation laid that the patient spins out a miserable existence. . . . . To form rules to quadrate with the rights of mankind in general & this Soc. in particular will be the design of this meeting & to adopt such rules as this society agree to &c &c—whereupon we resolve 1st That this meeting shall be known by the name of the Medical Society of Sharon.

2nd That we will choose a president & clerk &c (accord'g to the usual forms of organization.) Dated at Sharon July 5, 1779.

OLIVER TULLER, Clk.

N. B.

Any Gentlemen of the Faculty that are disposed to join this Med Soc. will meet with a kind reception on the last Tuesday of Sept next or on any of our future meetings.

In 1784 the New Haven County Medical Society was founded, and in 1791 the Windham County Society. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the other County Societies were not organized until about 1792.

In 1787 an Act was brought before the Legislature to incorporate a State Medical Society, but failed to pass.

In 1792 the Connecticut State Medical Society received its original charter, which is herewith appended.

S. B. St. John, *Secretary.*

AN ACT INCORPORATING A MEDICAL SOCIETY.

[Enacted in May, 1792.]

Whereas well regulated medical societies have been found to contribute to the diffusion of true science, and particularly the knowledge of the healing art; Therefore,

§1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That there be a medical society formed within this state, to consist of the following persons, viz. James Potter, Leveret Hubbard, Charles Phelps, Joshua Porter, Amos Mead, Charles Mather, Josiah Hart, Eliakim Fish, Samuel Flagg, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, John Lester, David Rogers, Philip Turner, Elisha Perkins, Isaac Knight, Daniel Sheldon, Phineas Miller, James Schovill, Samuel Woodward, Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, David Sutton, Elihu Tudor, Timothy Rogers, Joseph Baker, John R. Watrous, Seth Bird, Minor Grant, Simon Wolcott, John Osborn, Asa Hamilton, Theophilus Rogers, Lemuel Hopkins, Philemon Tracy, Mason F. Cogswell, Thaddeus Betts, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Elnathan Beach, John Turner, John Spalding, Levi Ives, James Clarke, Albigence Waldo, John Clark, and Elisha Lord, with such other physicians and surgeons, as shall hereafter be approved of, and admitted from time to time, as is herein after provided, that is to say, the physicians and surgeons, living in the respective counties shall have liberty to meet together on the fourth Tuesday of September next, and at such place within their respective counties, as shall be appointed by Lemuel Hopkins, Eneas Munson, Simon Wolcott, Albigence Waldo, James Potter, Seth Bird,

Jeremiah West, and John Osborn; and by them notified, by advertising in some public Gazette in the counties in which they respectively dwell, and when so met, they shall have authority by their major vote in such respective meetings, to determine the qualifications, and admission of their own members, and the persons who shall thus be admitted, shall have authority to make a choice of a chairman and clerk, to conduct the affairs of such meetings.

§2. Be it further enacted, That such county meetings formed as aforesaid, and all future county meetings, which the members so approved and admitted as aforesaid, with such others as shall hereafter be duly approved and admitted pursuant to this act, shall annually hold on the fourth Tuesday in September, which they are hereby authorized to do, and at such place as they shall appoint the said future meetings, having organized themselves with a chairman and clerk, as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and directed to choose by ballot, from amongst themselves, five persons from each county, except for the county of Middlesex and Tolland, and three for each of those counties, to compose a convention of said society; which members so to be chosen for said first convention, shall meet at the court-house in Middletown, on the second Tuesday of October next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon; and for the future annual conventions at such time and place as they shall appoint, and being so met, they are hereby authorized, by ballot to choose a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, and such other officers as they may think proper, and the convention so formed, shall be known by the name of The President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society; and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, and shall have full power to make by-laws to promote the ends of said society, provided they be not repugnant to the laws of this state, or of the United States, and may expel members from said society, for any misdemeanors as relative to said society; to appoint examining committees in the respective counties, who shall examine such candidates as may offer themselves for that purpose, and license such as shall be found qualified for the practice of physic or surgery, and to receive them on their desire as members of said society in their respective counties; to confer honorary degrees on such of the faculty as they may, from time to time, find of distinguished merit, to purchase and hold to, and for, the benefit of said society, property, both real and personal, to an amount not exceeding sixteen thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and to manage, improve and convey the same for the common good and interest of said society, and may have a common seal, and the same alter or renew at their pleasure; and the said society, in their corporate capacity, may sue and be sued as other societies and bodies corporate may by law, as relative to the contracts,

rights and interests, of said society. Twenty members to be present to be a quorum to transact the business of said society.

§3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several members of the society, according to their ability, to communicate useful information to each other in their respective county meetings, and such meetings shall, from time to time, transmit to the convention, such curious cases and observations, as may come to their knowledge; and it shall be the duty of the convention to cause to be published, such extraordinary cases, and such observations on the state of the air, and on epidemical and other disorders as they may think proper; and the said county meetings and conventions shall have power to adjourn, from time to time, as they may think necessary, to promote the design of their institution.

§4. Be it further enacted, That if this act, or anything herein contained, shall be found inadequate or inconvenient, it may by the general assembly be altered, amended, or repealed.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO, AND ALTERATION OF AN ACT, INCORPORATING A MEDICAL SOCIETY.

[Enacted in October, 1793.]

Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That in future, the number of members of said society, necessary to constitute a quorum to transact business in convention, shall be twelve; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ALTERATION OF AN ACT, INCORPORATING A MEDICAL SOCIETY.

[Enacted in May, 1797.]

§1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That at the future conventions of said medical society, for the choice of its officers, they shall have power to elect them from the medical society at large in this state, and not be confined to the members who may compose the conventions of said society.

§2. And be it further enacted, That the president of said society, or in his absence the vice president, shall upon any emergent or special occasion, call a convention of the fellows of said society, upon giving twenty days' notice thereof in two of the public gazettes, at such time and place within the state as he shall judge proper.

§3. And be it further enacted, That the convention of said medical society at their annual meetings, shall have power and authority to levy a tax on all the members of said society, not exceeding two dollars

annually, on each and every member thereof, which tax shall be collected by the clerks respectively of the county societies in the several counties: and in case of neglect or refusal of any member of said medical society to pay the same, the clerk of the county society within which such refusal shall happen, shall have authority to institute a suit for recovery of the same, in the name of the treasurer of said society, before any assistant or justice of the peace within said county, where the person so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid shall dwell; and such assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to hear and determine the same, and grant execution thereon accordingly.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INCORPORATING A MEDICAL SOCIETY.

[Enacted in May, 1800.]

§1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That no person in future who shall commence or enter upon the practice of physic or surgery in this state, who has not been duly licensed, by some medical society or college of physicians shall take benefit of laws for the recovery of any debt or fees for such practice.

§2. And be it further enacted, That the fees or perquisites for the admission of any candidate to the medical society in this state shall not exceed the sum of four dollars.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INCORPORATING THE MEDICAL SOCIETY IN THIS STATE.

[Enacted in October, 1803.]

Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That if the collectors of taxes in the several counties, granted by the Connecticut medical society, or either of them, shall neglect or refuse to collect the tax intrusted to his, or their collection by the time the same is made payable, or having collected the same, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same to the treasurer of said society; or if the examining committees in the respective counties, shall neglect or refuse to pay to said treasurer in October annually, the fees due for licensed candidates, the said treasurer may cause a suit or suits to be instituted against such delinquent clerk or committee, in the name of the president and fellows of said society before any court of law in this state proper to try the same.

The Secretary desires to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Mr. C. J. Hoadly, State Librarian, in searching ancient archives, and of Dr. G. W. Russell in assisting to correct proof.

In Convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of Connecticut, holden at Middletown, agreeably to charter, on the second Tuesday of October, 1792.

Roll of Fellows Chosen and Returned from the Several County Conventions.

Hartford County.—Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Samuel Flagg, Josiah Hart.

New Haven County.—Leaveritt Hubbard, Eneas Munson, William Gould, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach.

New London County.—Theophilus Rogers, Samuel Mather, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Phillip Turner.

Fairfield County.—James Potter, Thaddeus Botts, Hosea Hurlbut, James Clark, Amos Mead.

Windham County.—John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Albigence Waldo, Isaac Knight.

Middlesex County.—Thomas Moseley, John Ely, John Osbourn.

Litchfield County.—Seth Bird, Samuel Orton, Samuel Woodward, Seth Hastings, Samuel Rockwell.

Tolland County.—Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Joseph Parker.

The following officers were chosen by the Society for the year ensuing, viz.:

LEAVERITT HUBBARD, *President.* ENEAS MUNSON, *Vice-President.*
JOHN OSBOURN, *Treasurer.* JARED POTTER, *Secretary.*

The following resolutions were passed by the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed in each county consisting of three members of the Connecticut Medical Society for the examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery.

Resolved, That the Fellows of each county nominate their Committee of Examination.

Resolved, That the following members, viz.: Messrs. Hopkins, Jared Potter, Rogers, James Potter, John Clark, Orton, Osbourn,

and Warner, be a committee to prepare the business which they may think proper and necessary to be transacted by the society at their present meeting, and report thereon to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock, at the Court House.

WEDNESDAY.—*Resolved*, That the Examining Committee in the several counties be furnished with blank licenses, signed by the President, with the seal of the Society affixed; to be filled up and countersigned by said committee, and delivered to such candidates as shall be found duly qualified.

Resolved, That the President, Vice-President, and Secretary be requested to procure a seal with a proper device for the Society as soon as it can be done with convenience.

Resolved, That each candidate receiving a license signed as aforesaid, pay four dollars to the Examining Committee, to be by said committee deposited in the treasury of the Society.

Resolved, That a tax of three shillings on each member of the Medical Society, and also on those practitioners in physic and surgery who shall become members the current year, be levied, collected, and paid into the treasury, to defray the necessary expenses of the Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a code of by-laws to the Society at their next meeting.

Resolved, That the following members be appointed a committee for the examination of candidates for licenses to practice physic and surgery in their respective counties, viz.: Hartford County, Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins; New Haven County, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach; New London County, Elihu Marvin, John Scott, Philemon Tracy; Fairfield County, James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, John Lester; Windham County, Albigence Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner; Litchfield County, Daniel Sheldon, Phinehas Migs, Nathaniel Perry; Middlesex County, Thomas Moseley, Ebenezer Tracy, John Osbourn; Tolland County, Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, William Grosvenor.

Resolved, That Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, and Lemuel Hopkins, be a committee to prepare a code of by-laws to be presented to the Society for their consideration at their next meeting.

Resolved, That the clerks of the several county meetings, viz.: Elihu

Smith, Samuel Darling, Joseph Trowbridge, Albigence Waldo, Simon Wolcott, Seth Hastings, Smith Clark, and Jeremiah West, be the receivers of the tax of three shillings on each member of the respective counties to which they belong, and that they pay over the same to the treasurer on or before the first Wednesday succeeding the general election in May next. And that the said clerks transmit at the same time to the Treasurer the names of all members, if any there be, who shall neglect to pay the aforesaid tax.

Resolved, That the clerks of the several county meetings transmit to the Secretary the names of all the members of the Medical Society that belong to their respective counties, on or before the first Wednesday succeeding the general election in May next.

Resolved, That the President and Fellows of the Medical Society of Connecticut shall receive a compensation for their attendance in convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed, with the advice of the President and Vice-President of the Medical Society, to procure the publication of the transactions of their present meeting, so far as they shall judge proper and expedient.

Resolved, That the convention be adjourned to the city of Hartford, to meet at the house of David Bull on the Wednesday next after the second Thursday in May next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to write to the clerks of the several counties to advise them of their duty.

JARED POTTER, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION, AT HARTFORD,

MAY 15, 1793.

At a Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at the house of David Bull, inholder in Hartford, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 1793.

Present, LEAVERITT HUBBARD, *President;* ENEAS MUNSON, *Vice-President.*

Hartford County, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Elihu Tudor, Josiah Hart, Samuel Flagg. *New Haven County*, Elnathan Beach, Jared Potter. *New London County*, Theophilus Rogers, Samuel Mather, Phillip Turner. *Fairfield County*, James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, Hosea Hurlbut. *Windham County*, John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord. *Litchfield County*, Seth Bird, Samuel Woodward, Seth Hastings, Samuel Rockwell. *Middlesex County*, Thomas Moseley. *Tolland County*, Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Joseph Parker.

After hearing the report of the committee for preparing a code of by-laws. *Voted*, To recommit said report, with the addition of one member from each county, to said committee. Doctors Hart, Beach, Hurlbut, Mather, Clark, Woodward, Moseley, and Warner appointed. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The committee appointed to prepare and report the by-laws for the society brought in their report:

BY-LAWS.

At a Convention of the Medical Society, holden by adjournment at Hartford on the 15th day of May, 1793.

Be it ordained, That the Secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society shall record all the transactions of the convention, conduct their correspondence, and have the custody of the seal of the Society.

Be it ordained, That the Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, subject to their orders, and shall annually render an account to the convention of all moneys received and paid by him.

Be it ordained, That an auditor of accounts shall be annually appointed who shall examine all claims upon the Society, and if allowed, shall draw orders on the treasurer for the amount, and no money shall be paid on any account without such orders. And said auditor shall annually lay before the convention the several accounts so examined and allowed, with the amounts of the orders he shall draw upon the treasurer.

Be it ordained, That it shall be the duty of the examining committees in the several counties to make an annual return to the Secretary of the Society, of the several persons by them licensed, and the date of their licenses, and an entry shall be made in the records of the Society of every license granted, containing the name of the person licensed, of the President, and examining committee signing the same.

Be it ordained, That all communications from members of this State, shall be made to the clerks of the county meetings, and by them shall be laid before such meetings for examination, and if approved by the county meetings shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Society to be laid before the convention.

Be it ordained, That it shall be highly disreputable for any member to assume or hold the knowledge of any nostrum, or palm any medicine or composition on the people as a secret, and that any such member shall be deemed unworthy to belong to the Medical Society; and that the members of the Society shall hold no medical correspondence with such characters, nor consult with them in any medical case whatever; and that all pretenders to nostrums shall be deemed and considered proper subjects for expulsion from this Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure a publication in the several newspapers of the State of the bye-laws of the Connecticut Medical Society.

Voted, That Doctor Eliakim Fish, be Vice-Treasurer to the Connecticut Medical Society, for the remaining part of the present year.

Voted, That Ebenezer Tracy of Middletown, be an auditor of accounts for the remainder of the current year, and that he examine all claims upon the Society, and draw orders on the treasurer for the amount, and lay before the Society at their next convention the several accounts so examined and allowed, together with the amount of orders so drawn on the Treasurer.

Voted, That the Vice-Treasurer shall give a certificate of the balance due each member for his debenture, and said certificate shall be received by the treasurer for the taxes that have been voted by the Society.

Voted, That a tax of three shillings be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and collected on or before the fourth Tuesday of September next, by the clerks of the respective county conventions to which they belong, and said clerks shall be responsible to the Treasurer for the same.

Voted, That the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society shall receive six shillings per day, for each member, while attending in Medical Convention, and six pence per mile while traveling from their several places of abode to the convention.

Voted, That no member speak more than twice on any debate unless to explain himself, wherein he has not been properly understood.

Voted, That the Society transmit an answer to the letter received from the Faculty of Medicine of Columbia College, New York, by their Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society be returned by the Vice-President to the President of the Society, for his elegant oration delivered at the opening of the present convention, and that a copy be requested to remain on the files of the Society.

Voted, That Doctors Theophilus Rogers, Jeremiah West, and John Clark, be a committee to make the debenture for the members of the Society, for their travel and attendance on convention in Middletown in October last, and likewise their travel and attendance in their present convention at Hartford.

Voted, That the expenses of the house be paid from the moneys collected, and in the hands of the Vice-Treasurer, and deducted from each member's debenture.

Voted, That the next convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, shall be at the City of New Haven, on Wednesday, the 16th of October next, at the house of John Smith, Innholder, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JARED POTTER,
Secretary.

The following gentlemen have been admitted members of the Connecticut Medical Society in the several counties of the State.

HARTFORD COUNTY.

Howard Alden, Suffield,
John Bestor, Simsbury,
Eliphalet Beach, Simsbury,
Mason Cogswell, Hartford,
Lemuel Hopkins, Hartford,
Eliakim Fish, Hartford,
John Indicott, Hartford,
Dwell Morgan, Hartford,
Caleb Perkins, Hartford,
Samuel Flagg, East Hartford,
Samuel Flagg, Jr., East Hartford,
George Griswold, East Hartford,
Timothy Hall, East Hartford,
John Skinner, East Hartford,
Asaph Coleman, Glastonbury,
Joseph Hale, Glastonbury,
Abner Moseley, Glastonbury,
Solomon Everet,
John Hart, Farmington,
Eli Todd, Farmington,
Asa Hyller, Simsbury,
Amos Granger, Suffield,
Josiah Holt, Bristol,
Isaiah Chapman, Bristol,
Joseph Jewett, Granby,
Charles Mather, East Windsor,
Chas. Mather, Jr., East Windsor,
Elisha Tudor, East Windsor,
Edward Tudor, East Windsor,
Theo. Wadsworth, Southington,
Mark Newel, Southington,
Josiah Root, Southington,
Christopher Wolcott, Windsor,
Sylvester Wells, Berlin,
James Wells, Berlin,
James Perceval, Berlin,
Adna Stanly, Berlin,
Elihu H. Smith, Wethersfield,
George Ollcott, Wethersfield,
Josiah Hart, Wethersfield,
John Potter, Farmingbury,
Jason Jerome, Farmingbury,
Titus Merriam, Farmingbury,
Joseph Higgins, Stepney,
John Andruss, Berlin,
——— Belding, Berlin,
Thomas H. Rawson, Pequonock,
Horace Hyller, Granby.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY.

Leaveritt Hubbard, New Haven,
Eneas Munson, New Haven,
John Spalding, New Haven,
Levi Ives, New Haven,
Samuel Darling, New Haven,
Joseph Darling, New Haven,
Joel Northrup, New Haven,
Jared Potter, New Haven,
Eneas Munson, Jr., New Haven,
Nathaniel Hubbard, New Haven,
Obediah Hotchkiss, New Haven,
Elijah Munson, New Haven,
William Gould, Branford,
Walter Munson, North Haven,
Joseph Foot, North Haven,
Thomas R. Pynchon, Guilford,
Abraham Tomlinson, Milford,
Elias Carrington, Milford,

Timothy W. Rosseter, Milford,
Abel Brownson, Waterbury,
Isaac Baldwin, Waterbury,
Elnathan Beach, Cheshire,
Thomas F. Cornwal, Cheshire,
Gold G. Norton, Cheshire,
Luther E. Hall, Cheshire,
Aaron Andruss, Wallingford,
Moses Gaylord, Wallingford,
Ensign Hough, Wallingford,
Billious Kirtland, Wallingford,
Samuel Sanford, Derby,
Edward Craft, Derby,
Liberty Kimberly, Derby,
Elisha Chapman, Hambden,
Daniel Beckly, Waterbury,
Amzi Hull, Woodbridge,
Hezekiah Hooker, Woodbridge,
Abel Brownson, Waterbury.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

John Clark,
Elisha Lord,
Elisha Perkins,
Noah Coleman,
John Brewster,
Isaiah Knight,
Allen Campbell,
Joseph Parker,
Albigence Waldo,
Jonathan Hall,
Jared Warner,
Joseph Coit,
William Robertson,
Penuel Hutchins,
Azal Ensworth,
Daniel Gordon,
John Barker,
Roger Waldo,
Jonathan Averil,
Benjamin Carter,
Thomas Backus,
John Clark, Jr.,
Rufus Johnson,
Jesse Wheaton,
Leonard Bacon,
Jacob Hovey,
Samuel Barker,
William Glysson,
Penuel Cheney,
Gershom Beardsley,
Joseph Palmer,
Thaddeus Clark.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

Benjamin Hawley,
Silas Berry,
Joseph Parker,
Gideon Woodruff,
Jesse Carrington,
Timothy Clark,
Isaac Swift,
Caleb Austin,
John Raymond,
Jeremiah Wilcox,
Benjamin Welch,
Jonathan Cowdry,
Frederic Plumb,
James Stoddard,
Thomas C. Brinsmade,
David Leavensworth,
Daniel Lyman,
Elijah Wheeler,

Elisha North,
John Calhoun,
Penfield Goodsel,
Hemon N. Comstock,
Caleb Knapp,
Michael Merrills,
Partridge Parsons,
Seth Bird,
Samuel Orton,
Samuel Woodward,
Ephraim Guitteau,
William Abernethy,
Ozias Warner,
Seth Hastings,
Barnabas Scott,
Josiah Everitt,
Samuel Rockwel,
Oliver Fuller,
Chauncey Lowry,
Titus Hull,
Josiah Hatch,
Phinehas Miggs,
Anthony Burritt,
Joshua Porter,
Daniel Sheldon,
Timothy Rogers,
Abel Catlin,
Lemuel Thomas,
Nathaniel Thayer,
John Elton,
Aaron Coleman,
Ebenezer Smith,
Nathaniel Perry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

John Osbourn, Middletown,
John Dickenson, "
Ebenezer Tracy, "
William B. Hall, "
Jehiel Hoadley, "
——— Nobles, "
Joseph Strong, "
Elisha Phelps, Chatham,
Jeremiah Bradford, "
Amos Skiel, "
Robert Usher, "
Hezekiah Brainard, Haddam,
Eleazur Woodruff, "
Smith Clark, "
Thomas Moseley, East Haddam,
Gurdon Perceval, "
Christ. Holmes, East Haddam,
Jonah Cone, "
Augustus Mather, "
Daniel Southmayd, "
John Eli, Saybrook,
Elisha Eli, "
Elisha Mather, "
Zadock Mains, "
William Eliott, "
Samuel Fields, "
Samuel Redfield, Killingworth,
Richard Eli, "
Bela Farnham, "
Benjamin Hills, "
Samuel Belden, "
Aaron Eliott, "

TOLLAND COUNTY.

Sam. Willard, Stafford Springs,
Elijah Fitch Read, Vernon,
Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington,
Caleb Merrick, Willington,
Lewiss Collins, "
Ichabod M. Warner, Bolton,

Daniel Arnold, Hebron,
Simeon Field, "
Stephen Preston, Union,
Nathan Howard, "
Ichabod Warner, Bolton,
Jeremiah West, Tolland,
David Sutton, Hebron,
Miner Grant, Stafford,
Asa Hamilton, Somers,
Joseph Parker, "
William Grosvenor, Tolland,
Joseph Kingsbury, Ellington,
Daniel Avery, Coventry,
Ebenezer Hunt, Coventry.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

Asahel Fitch,
Jonathan Knight,
Preserve Wood,
Gabriel Baldwin,
Ezra Curtiss,
David Hull,
James E. Beach,
Stephen Rockwell,
William Shelton,
Joseph Trowbridge,
Phineas Millur,
James Clark,
Thaddeus Betts,
James Potter,
David Rogers,
James Scofield,
Hosea Hurlburt,
Lewiss Bears,
Amos Mead,
Gideon Shepherd,
Elijah Hawley,
Oliver Bancroft,
Amos Baker,
Samuel Webb,
John Lester,
Bennett Perry,
Orange Benton,
Benjamin Curtiss,
John Wood,
Stephen Middlebrook,
Thomas Davies,
Elisha Belcher,
John Royce Gregory,
Shadrack Mead,
Charles Tomlinson,
Bennet Perry,
Orange Benton,
Jonathan Poor,
Eli Perry,
Augustus Merwin,
Amos Botsford,
William Beard,
Daniel Beard,
William Edson,
Minor Higby,
Gideon Beardsley.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

Theophilus Rogers, Norwich,
Thomas Coit, New London,
Charles Phelps, Stonington,
Philip Turner, Norwich,
John Watrous, Colchester,
Simeon W. Scott, New London,
Philemon Tracy, Norwich,
Joshua Downer, Preston,
John Turner, Norwich,
Samuel Mather, Lyme,

Elihu Marvin, Norwich,
John Noys, Lyme,
Samuel Buzzel, Norwich,
Jonathan Marsh, Norwich,
Jed. Burnham, Lisbon,
David H. Hewitt, Montville,
Phineas Hyde, Groton,
Daniel Lord, Stonington,
Luther Manning, Lisbon,
Avery Downer, Preston,
Benjamin Ellis, Franklin,
Thos. Coit, Jr., New London,
James Lee, Lyme,
Elijah Hartshorn, Franklin,
Wm. Robertson, Stonington,
Benjamin Butler, New London,
Bishop Tyler, Preston,
Thos. Skinner, Colchester,
John R. Watrous, Colchester,
John Scott, Bozrah,
Benj. Moore, Norwich,
Wm. Lord, Stonington,
John O. Miner, Groton,
Asher Huntington, Stonington,
Prosper Rose, Groton,
Samuel Seabury, Jr., N. London,
Jer. Rogers, Montville,
Jonathan Gray, Stonington,
James Noys, Stonington,
Amos Prentis, Jr., Groton,
David Balls, New London,
Nathaniel Hide, Franklin,
Asa Spalding, Stonington.

A list of the candidates examined, licensed, and returned to the Secretary by the examining committees from the several counties:

New Haven County.—New Haven, 1793. Orchard Gould, Malchi Foot, —— Beard, and —— ———, were examined and licensed to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach, Committee.

New Haven, 1794. Samuel Hall, John Alfred Foot, and Hezekiah Wetmore were examined and licensed to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard and countersigned by Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Committee.

Fairfield County.—Danbury, May, 1793. Josiah Rogers Eastman was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by James Potter, John Lester, Committee.

Fairfield, May 1, 1794. William Clark was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Hosea Hurlbut, James Potter, Joseph Trowbridge, Committee.

Newtown, 11th May, 1797. Ezekiel H. Guernsey was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Eneas Munson, President, and countersigned by Gideon Shepherd, William Shelton, Committee.

Litchfield County.—Litchfield, November, 1794. Roswell Abernathy, Jonathan Bush, Elijah Lyman, and —— Busher were examined and licensed to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, Committee.

Litchfield, 1795. Daniel Goodwin was examined and received a license to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, Committee.

Litchfield, 1795. —— Porter was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Eneas Munson, President, and countersigned by Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, Committee.

Litchfield, 1795. —— Hayden was examined and received a license to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Eneas Munson, President, and countersigned by Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, Committee.

Middlesex County.—Middlesex, Sept. 13, 1794. Chancy Moore was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by John Osbourn, Ebenezer Tracy, Committee.

Litchfield, 1795. Thomas Goodsell was examined and received a license to practice Physic and Surgery. Signed by Eneas Munson, President, and countersigned by Daniel Sheldon, John Carrington, Examining Committee.

Hartford County.—Hartford, August, 1794. Selah Gridley was examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Committee.

Hartford, 1795. Nathaniel Dwight and Allen Hyde were examined and received a license to practice Physic. Signed by Leaveritt Hubbard, President, and countersigned by Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Committee.

New Haven County.—New Haven, December 16, 1804. Mr. Hotchkiss and H. L. Hitchcock, were examined and received licenses. Signed by Jeremiah West, President, and countersigned by John Spalding, John Barker, Joseph Foot, Committee.

New Haven, 1805. Samuel I. Banks was examined and received a license, Hezekiah Belden was examined and was licensed to practice Surgery only, both licenses signed by Jeremiah West,

President, and countersigned by John Spalding, Joseph Foot, John Barker, Committee.

New Haven, April 29, 1805. Anson Foot was examined and received a license. Signed by Jeremiah West, President, and countersigned by John Spalding, John Barker, Joseph Foot, Committee.

Windham County.—Whiting Robinson of Hampton, received a license for the practice of Physic and Surgery, dated November 3, 1807. William B. Mason of Woodstock, received a license to practice Physic and Surgery, dated January 6, 1808. Isaac H. Williams of Pomfret received a license for the practice of Physic, dated January 6, 1808. Earl Swift of Mansfield, received a license for the practice of Physic and Surgery, dated May 10, 1808. Andrew Harris of Cranston (State of Rhode Island), received a license to practice Physic and Surgery, dated July 1, 1808. Shubael Hammond of Union, received a license for the practice of Physic, dated October 1, 1808.

Litchfield County.—Return made October, 1808. Lockwood Lyon, Curtiss Hurd, Jr., Federal Vandeburgh, licensed 27th September, 1808. John R. Watrous, President; Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler, Committee.

New Haven County.—1807. Abyram Stoddard was examined and admitted to practice, March, 1807, by Thomas Goodsell and Eli Ives, Examining Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER, 1793.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at New Haven on the 16th day of October, 1793.

A list of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, chosen and returned by the several county conventions for the coming year, viz. :

Hartford County.—Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Samuel Flagg, Lemuel Hopkins, Josiah Hart.

New Haven County.—Leaveritt Hubbard, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, William Gould, John Spalding.

New London County.—Theophilus Rogers, Phillips Turner, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County.—James Clark, Thaddeus Betts, Hosea Hurlbut, James Potter, James E. Beach.

Tolland County.—Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Miner Grant.

Windham County.—John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Albigence Waldo, Allen Campbell.

Litchfield County.—Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon, Seth Hastings, Samuel Woodward, Samuel Orton.

Middlesex County.—Thomas Moseley, John Osbourn, Elisha Phelps.

The following officers were chosen by ballot, for the year ensuing, agreeable to charter:

Leaveritt Hubbard, President ; Eneas Munson, Vice-President; Jared Potter, Secretary ; Eliakim Fish, Auditor.

The following gentlemen were chosen committees for the examination of candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, for the ensuing year, in their respective counties: *Hartford County*—Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins. *New Haven County*—Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach. *New London County*—Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, Philemon Tracy. *Fairfield County*—James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, Joseph Trowbridge. *Windham County*—Albigence Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner. *Litchfield County*—Daniel Sheldon, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington *Middlesex County*—Thomas Mosely, John Osbourn, Ebenezer Tracy.

Tolland County—Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, Wm. Grosvenor.

Resolved, That Messrs. West, Woodward, Hastings, and Hurlbut, be a committee to prepare and report to the Society some additional bye-laws.

This committee reported the following, which after discussion were enacted into laws of the *Connecticut Medical Society*.

Be it ordained, That it shall be the duty of each member of this Society, to accuse any other member of the Society, for such misdemeanors, as he deems contrary to the bye-laws of the same, and the accuser shall make a statement in writing of the transactions which he deems a misdemeanor and lay the same before one of the *Fellows* of said Society; and the fellow to whom such accusation is made shall issue a notification to the accused to appear before the next convention, stating the time when it is to be holden, to defend, if he see fit, against the accusation. A copy of the said accusation and notification shall be left with the accused, or at usual place of abode, at least twelve days before the holding of the said next convention. And the accuser shall cause the said accusation and notification to be served and returned to the said convention on the first day of their sitting.

Be it ordained, That if any member of the Medical Society, whose character stands fair and unimpeached, shall ask for dismission from said Society, he may on application to the county meeting wherever he resides, have a certificate from the clerk thereof, that he is dismissed from said Society, on condition that he pays up his proportion of the taxes and expenses that have arisen previous to the time of his application.

(Repealed and a substitute passed in the doings of convention of 1815.)

Be it ordained, That whenever any tax is laid by the convention, it shall be the duty of the clerk of each county Society to make returns to the Treasurer of the names of any of the members who may be deficient in the payment of said tax.

Be it ordained, That all physicians and surgeons who pretend to any *nostrums* or *secrets*, and are willing to communicate their knowledge to the public; that they may do it under the solemnity of an oath before some proper authority, therein declaring that they have revealed every simple and composition that they are possessed of relative thereto, and their whole method of administering the same, without the least reservation. And that the

nostrums or *secrets* shall be advertised in the several newspapers that circulate in the counties where they respectively reside.

Resolved, That any member of the Connecticut Medical Society, shall have free access to attend and hear the debates of the convention.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to their President, by the Vice-President, for the *Society Seal* which he has given to the Society.

Voted, That Doctors James Potter, Jeremiah West, Miner Grant, and John R. Watrous, prefer a petition to the honorable General Assembly, that the clause in the incorporation act of the Connecticut Medical Society requiring the number of twenty to constitute a quorum, may be altered to the number of twelve.

Voted, That Doctors Watrous, Phelps, and Beach, make up the debenture for the present session of the convention.

Voted, That the bye-laws, act of incorporation, and some of the resolves of the Connecticut Medical Society, be published by the Secretary with the assistance of the Vice-President; that there be four hundred copies printed and distributed to the several county clerks, according to the number of the members of the Society in the respective counties.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Leveritt Hubbard and Elisha Tudor; and that the vice-president and secretary procure a proper form for a diploma, for the purpose.

Voted, That the Vice-President, Doctors Moseley and Jared Potter, be a committee to prepare and report to the convention, a number of honorary prize questions which the Society will propose for answers. The authors of the dissertations to send them in to the Society at their next meeting in October, 1794.

Resolved, That the three following honorary prize questions be proposed for discussion to the *faculty* or *literati* of the State of Connecticut or elsewhere.

1st. What is the most eligible mode of increasing and propagating medical knowledge in the State of Connecticut?

2d. What are the causes of autumnal bilious fevers, and what mode of treatment the most successful?

3d. What are the powers and properties of opium in the cure of diseases?

N. B. It is expected that those gentlemen who are disposed to write on one or more of the preceding questions, will transmit their

At an annual Convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at Middletown on Wednesday the 8th day of October, 1794.

A list of the Fellows of the Medical Society chosen and returned by the several county meetings for the ensuing year, viz.:

Hartford County—Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Charles Mather, Mason F. Cogswell, Asa Hillyer.

New Haven County—Leveritt Hubbard, Eneas Munson, Levi Ives, Abraham Tomlinson, Thomas R. Pyncheon.

New London County—Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, Thomas Skinner, John R. Watrous, Theophilus Rogers.

Fairfield County—Hosea Hurlbut, Eli Perry, Joseph Trowbridge, Bennet Perry, James Clark.

Windham County—Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Joseph Baker, John Clark, Jonathan Wall.

Litchfield County—Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington.

Middlesex County—John Osburn, Thomas Moseley, Ebenezer Tracy.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, Lewis Collens, William Grosvenor.

The following officers were chosen by ballot, for the year ensuing, agreeable to charter, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; Elihu Tudor, Vice-President; John Osbourn, Treasurer; James Clark, Secretary; Mason Cogswell, Auditor; Ebenezer Tracy, Vice-Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were chosen committee for the examination of candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery for the ensuing year in their respective counties.

Eliakim Fish, Samuel Flagg, and Josiah Hart for the County of Hartford.

Elnathan Beach, Thomas Pyncheon, and Elijah Munson, for the County of New Haven.

Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, and Philemon Tracy, for the County of New London.

Joseph Trowbridge, Hosea Hurlbut, and Permit Perry for the County of Fairfield.

Joseph Baker, Jonathan Hall, and Jared Warner for the County of Windham.

Daniel Sheldon, Nath'l Perry, and Jesse Carrington, for the County of Litchfield.

Thomas Mosely, Elisha Phelps, and Ebenezer Tracy, for the County of Middlesex.

Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, and William Grosvenor, for the County of Tolland.

Voted, That Hosea Hurlbut, Sam'l Woodward, Mason F. Cogswell, Daniel Sheldon, and Seth Bird, be a committee to form additional bye-laws for the Society.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society (through their Secretary) be given, to Doctor Joseph Youle of the City of New York, for his very ingenious inaugural dissertation upon Respiration. The Society consider it a display of the most accurate knowledge of the principles of the new chemistry, blended with the justest reasoning.

Voted, That the first prize question be laid over until the general convention, and that the piece intended as an answer thereto, be returned by the Secretary to the author, if requested.

Voted, That the thanks of the society be given to Doctor Sam'l H. P. Lee, for the ingenious answer to the second prize question, upon Autumnal Bilious Fevers. Also, the thanks of the Society is given to Doctor Gideon Shepard for his answer to the third prize question, upon the Powers and Properties of Opium in the cure of diseases.

Voted, That Doctors Lemuel Hopkins, J. Osbourn, and Ebenezer Tracy, be a committee to provide prize questions, for the discussion of the faculty or literati of the State of Connecticut or elsewhere.

Resolved, That the three following honorary prize questions be proposed for discussion: 1st. What preparations of Antimony best answer the different indications arising in fevers, and what modes of exhibition are necessary? 2d. What is the best method for preventing the common suppurating Quinsey (Cynanche Ton-

sillaris of Dr. Cullen) after the inflammatory state is fully formed, from terminating in maturation and discharge? 3d. What are the several species of cholic, their causes, indications, and method of cure?

The committee appointed to prepare and report additional bye-laws, reported the following, which after discussion was enacted into a law of the Connecticut Medical Society.

Be it ordained, That the several county meetings have jurisdiction of the accusations that may be made by the members of the Medical Society. But, if any accused member shall think himself injured by the decision of any of the county meetings, he shall have liberty to appeal to the State Convention.

Be it ordained, That the several county meetings in this State, be authorized to make such regulations as their local circumstances may render convenient, provided such regulations be not contrary to the laws of the State, or the bye-laws of this Society.

Be it ordained, That it shall be the duty of each member of the Medical Society of Connecticut, to accuse any other member of said Society, for any misdemeanor which he deems contrary to the true intent and meaning of the act of the General Assembly incorporating this Society, or contrary to the bye-laws of this Society, or contrary to such county regulations as are conformable to the bye-laws authorizing such regulations. And the accuser shall make a statement in writing of the misdemeanors as aforesaid, and lay the same before a fellow of the Medical Society, and the fellow to whom such accusation is made shall issue a notification to the accused, to appear before the next county meeting, stating the time when, and place where it is to be holden, to defend (if he see fit) against the accusation.

A copy of said accusation and notification shall be left with the accused, or at his usual place of abode, at least twelve days before the holding of said county meeting. And the accuser shall cause the said accusation and notification to be served and returned to the said county meeting on the first day of their sitting.

And be it further ordained, that the bye-laws confirming the jurisdiction to the State Convention be repealed.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and that the same be paid by the first day of May next. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to issue his warrants to inforce the collection of taxes which are, or

shall remain due after the first day of June next. And the clerks of the several county meetings shall be the collectors; and in case of being obliged to ride to effect said collection, they shall be entitled to receive from the delinquents at the rate of three pence per mile.

Names of the clerks for the several counties for the year 1795 are as follows:

Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford County; Elijah Munson, New Haven County; Simon Wolcott, New London County; Lewis Beers, Fairfield County; Joseph Baker, Windham County; Nath'l Perry, Litchfield County; Smith Clark, Middlesex County; William Grosvenor, Tolland County.

Voted, That the President be requested to deliver an Elogium in memory of our late worthy President, Leveritt Hubbard, M.D.

Resolved, That the Fellows of the society go into mourning for the death of the late President, by wearing a scarf or black ribbon on the left arm for the space of one month.

Voted, That a degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Eneas Munson and Seth Bird. Also on Doctor Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia, and on John Bard and Samuel Bard of New York.

Voted, That Doctors Cogswell, Sheldon, and Baker, be a committee to make up the debenture of this convention.

Voted, That the next convention of the Connecticut Medical Society be holden at the City of Hartford, on the second Wednesday of October next.

JAMES CLARK, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

OCTOBER 15, 1795.

At a convention of the President and Fellows of the Medical Society of Connecticut, held at Hartford on the second Wednesday of October, 1795.

A list of the Fellows of the Medical Society, chosen and returned by the several county meetings for the ensuing year, viz.:

Hartford County, Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Mason F. Cogswell, Solomon Everest, Josiah Hart.

New Haven County, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Abraham Tomlinson, Elnathan Beach, William Gould.

New London County, Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County, James Clark, James Potter, Gideon Shephard, James E. Beach, William Shelton.

Windham County—Elisha Lord, Elisha Perkins, John Brewster, Joseph Baker, Jonathan Hall.

Litchfield County—Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Woodward, Samuel Rockwell, Nathaniel Perry.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, John Osbourn, John Ely.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, Joseph Parker, Lewis Collens.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; Elihu Tudor, Vice-President; John Osbourn, Treasurer; James Clark, Secretary; Masom F. Cogswell, Auditor.

Voted, The thanks of this Society, to the President, Eneas Munson, M.D., for his eulogium to the memory of our late President, Hubbard; and that a copy be requested to be on file.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be given, through their Secretary, to Doctor Felix Pascalis Ouviere, M.D. and D.D., for his very ingenious and interesting dissertation on their first prize question, on The Best Preparations of Antimony, etc.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be given, through the Secretary, to Doctor Thaddeus Betts of Norwalk, for his ingenious

and pleasing dissertation on their third prize question, on The Different Species of Colic, their Causes, Indications, and Method of Cure.

Resolved, That the pieces intended as answers to the prize question of 1794, on What is the Most Eligible Mode of Increasing and Propagating Medical Knowledge in the State of Connecticut, etc., be laid over until the next meeting of the Society, and that said question be still held up for further discussion.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to present the thanks of the Society to Wm. M. Ross, M.D., of the city of New York, for his attention in presenting the Society with his inaugural dissertation.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Physic be conferred on Doctor Thomas Moseley.

Resolved, That a petition be presented to the General Assembly now in session, praying some pecuniary assistance to aid the Society in the pursuit of medical knowledge. Doctors Eneas Munson, James Potter, John R. Watrous, Ichabod Warner, and Elnathan Beach, be a committee to present the same.

A letter from the Treasurer, Doctor John Osbourn, was read, praying a resignation, which was granted, and Doctor Mason F. Cogswell was elected Treasurer in his place.

The following gentlemen were chosen committees for the examination of candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, for the ensuing year, in their respective counties:

Doctors Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, and Mason F. Cogswell for the county of Hartford.

Doctors Obediah Hotchkiss, Bildad Beach, and Elijah Munson for the county of New Haven.

Doctors Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, and Philemon Tracy for the county of New London.

Doctors Joseph Trowbridge, James E. Beach, and William Shelton for the county of Fairfield.

Doctors Joseph Baker, Jonathan Hall, and Jared Warner for Windham county.

Doctors Daniel Sheldon, Nathaniel Perry, and Jesse Carrington for Litchfield county.

Doctors Ebenezer Tracy, Elisha Phelps, and William B. Hall for Middlesex county.

Doctors Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, and William Grosvenor for Tolland county.

Resolved, That it be considered as an indispensable requisite for every young gentleman, who shall hereafter present himself for examination before the committees of the several counties, that he read before said committee, an inaugural dissertation on some medical subject, as one of the evidences of improvement in his studies.

Resolved, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and that the same be paid by the first day of May next, and that the clerks of the county meetings collect the same.

Voted, That Doctors Watrous and Everest, be a committee to make out the debenture of this Society.

Resolved, That the following honorary prize questions be proposed for the discussion of the faculty of the State of Connecticut, or elsewhere. 1st. What are the chemical properties of the effluvia or contagion of the present epidemic in the city of New York, what its mode of operation on the human body, and does said epidemic differ from the usual bilious, autumnal fevers of this country, except in degree? 2d. What are the causes, symptoms, varieties, and best method of cure of the dysentery? 3d. What are the causes, symptoms, and varieties of phthisis pulmonalis, and the best method of preventing and curing the same?

Resolved, That the two following questions, be still held up for discussion: 1st. What is the most eligible mode of increasing and propagating medical knowledge in the State of Connecticut? 2d. What is the best method for preventing the common suppurating quinsey (the cynanche tonsillaris of Dr. Cullen) after the inflammatory state is fully formed, from terminating in maturation and discharge?

Voted, This Society to stand adjourned until the first Tuesday after the second Thursday of May next.

JAMES CLARK, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 17, 1796.

At the adjourned convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, on the 17th day of May, 1796.

Members present—Doctors Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Mason F. Cogswell, Josiah Hart, for the county of Hartford.

Doctors Jared Potter, Abraham Tomlinson, for the county of New Haven.

Doctors Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy, for New London.

Doctors James Clark, James Potter, Gideon Shephard, James E. Beach, for the county of Fairfield.

Doctors Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Woodward, Samuel Rockwell, Nathaniel Perry, for the county of Litchfield.

Doctor John Osbourn, for the county of Middlesex.

Doctors Ichabod Warner, Joseph Parker, Lewis Collens, for Tolland county.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be given by the Secretary to Doctor Felix Pascalis Ouviere, D.D. and M.D., of Philadelphia, for his ingenious answer to the first prize question, on The Effluvia, etc.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be given by the Secretary to Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee of New London, for his answer to their prize question on Suppurating Quinsey, etc.

Resolved, That the pieces on the prize question on the best method of promoting medical knowledge, etc., be submitted to the examination of a committee, and that they make a report to the Society.

Resolved, That Doctors James Potter, Ichabod Warner, and Samuel Woodward, be a committee to report the same.

In consequence of the report of said committee, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be given to Doctor Lewis Collens, for his answer to their prize question on The Best Method of Promoting Medical Knowledge, etc. *And also* to Doctor Gideon Shephard of Newton, for his answer to the same question, those two pieces being approved of as the best on the question, and that their names be published in the papers.

Doctor James Clark resigned his office of Secretary to the Society, and Doctor Daniel Sheldon was elected Secretary.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Doctor James Clark for his faithful service to the Society in that capacity, and that he receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Resolved, That the petition preferred to the Assembly last fall be withdrawn.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay Doctor James Clarke the expenses he has been at for the Society while Secretary.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Society be directed to commence prosecution against all the examining committees, who shall not make legal returns of the money received, by the next annual meeting.

Voted, It having been represented to this Society that one of their members had gleaned up from the miserable remains of animal magnetism a practice consisting of stroking, with pointed metallic instruments, the pained parts of human bodies, giving out that such strokings will radically cure the most obstinate pains to which our frame is incident, causing false reports to be propagated of the effects of such stroking, especially where they have been performed on some public occasions, and on men of distinction; also, that an excursion has been made abroad, and a patent obtained from under the authority of the United States to aid such delusive quackery —that under such auspices as membership of this Society, and the patent above mentioned, the delusion is progressing to the Southward, which may occasion disgrace to the Society and mischief abroad; therefore this Society announce to the public, that they consider all such practices as barefaced imposition, disgraceful to the Faculty, and delusive to the ignorant: and they further order their Secretary to cite any member of this Society practicing as above, before them at their next meeting to answer for his conduct, and render reasons why he should not be expelled from the Society for such disgraceful practices.

Voted, That the following prize questions be continued for discussion, viz.: 1st. What are the causes, symptoms, and varieties of phthisis pulmonalis, and the best method of preventing and curing the same? 2d. What are the causes, symptoms, varieties, and best method of cure for dysentery?

Voted, That the meeting of this Society be adjourned to the Tuesday after the second Thursday of May next, then to meet in the city of Hartford.

DANIEL SHELDON,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER, 1796.

At an annual convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October, 1796.

A list of the Fellows of the Medical Society chosen and returned by the several county meetings for the ensuing year:

Hartford County—Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Solomon Everest, Samuel Flagg, Mason F. Cogswell.

New Haven County—Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, John Spalding, Obediah Hotchkiss, Nathaniel Hubbard.

New London County—Philip Turner, Theophilus Rogers, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County—James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, Gideon Shephard, William Shelton, Eli Perry.

Windham County—Elisha Lord, John Brewster, Joseph Palmer, Leonard Bacon, Joseph Baker.

Litchfield County—Samuel Orton, Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Rockwell, Nathaniel Perry, Caleb Austin.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, John Osbourn, Richard Ely.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Lewis Collens.

Obadiah Hotchkiss chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

The following gentlemen were chosen officers for the year ensuing, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Daniel Sheldon, Secretary; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer.

Voted, That Doctors Gideon Shephard, Mason F. Cogswell, Lewis Collens, and Samuel Rockwell, be appointed a committee to examine the Act of Incorporation, and report to the Medical Society, at their present session, such alterations and emendations as they shall think advantageous for said Society.

The following alterations and emendations were proposed by the committee and accepted: 1st. That the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Fellows of said Society shall hold their offices for two years. 2d. That the President and Fellows of said Society in legal convention shall have full power to levy taxes

on themselves and their constituents, and collect the same, not exceeding the number of —— dollars in one year. 3d. That the President and Fellows in convention aforesaid, shall have ample power to impose such pecuniary penalties on the members of said Society for the transgression of their bye-laws, as may be deemed necessary for the well-ordering of said Society, not exceeding the sum of —— dollars. 4th. That any member of the State Medical Society shall be at any time eligible to the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary of the convention, and that his not being appointed a Fellow from the county in which he resides shall not render him ineligible to either of said offices.

Voted, That it be recommended to the several County Societies to call special meetings, previous to the meeting of the convention, to take into consideration the foregoing alterations and emendations, and transmit their opinion to the President and Fellows at the meeting of the convention in May next.

Voted, That the Secretary *pro tem.* transmit a copy of the foregoing alterations and emendations to the clerks of the different county meetings, to be submitted to them for their approbation at their next meeting, with such other alterations and emendations as said county meetings may think proper to suggest; to be returned to the President and Fellows at their next convention in Hartford.

Voted, That the foregoing alterations and emendations be forwarded to the Clerks of the several County Societies.

Voted, That it is the opinion of this convention that an American Dispensatory, if executed with judgment and ability, would be of real benefit to the community; but whether the work alluded to in the petition of Samuel Stearns, under the title, executed by Samuel Stearns, Doctor of the Canon and Civil Laws, is included in that description or not, is a subject on which they cannot decide, as they have neither of them had an opportunity of examining its merits.

Voted, That Drs. Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, John Spalding, and Obediah Hotchkiss be a committee to examine the manuscripts of Dr. Samuel Stearns, and report thereon at the next convention.

Voted, That the resolve passed at the last convention for the Treasurer to prosecute the examining committees who have not made returns of the money received, be suspended till the next meeting.

Voted, That Doctor James Potter be appointed to deliver an oration at the opening of the meeting in May next.

Voted, That Doctors Mason F. Cogswell, Daniel Sheldon, and Theophilus Rogers be appointed a committee to examine the debts due from the Medical Society.

The following gentlemen were chosen committees for the examination of candidates for the practice of physics and surgery, for the ensuing year, in their respective counties:

Doctors Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, and Mason F. Cogswell for the county of Hartford.

Doctors Obadiah Hotchkiss, Elijah Munson, and John Spalding for the county of New Haven.

Doctors Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, and Philemon Tracy for the county of New London.

Doctors Gideon Shephard, James E. Beach, and William Shelton for the county of Fairfield.

Doctors Joseph Baker, Jonathan Hall, and Jared Warner for the county of Windham.

Doctors Daniel Sheldon, Jesse Carrington, and Nathaniel Perry for the county of Litchfield.

Doctors John Osbourn, Ebenezer Tracy, and William B. Hall for the county of Middlesex.

Doctors Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, and William Grosvenor for the county of Tolland.

Resolved, That the following honorary prize question be proposed for the discussion of the Faculty of the State of Connecticut or elsewhere, viz.:

What are the symptoms, and the best method of treating the late epidemic disorder, vulgarly called canker-rash, in all its various circumstances, stages, and degrees. It is expected that the answer to this question will comprise the following circumstances, viz.: Is the disorder taken without communication with an infected person? Is the person who has once had the disorder secure from a second attack? Is it affected in its progress by any particular season of the year, or sensible state of the atmosphere?

Voted, That the meeting of this Society be adjourned to the Tuesday after the second Thursday of May next to meet at the house of John Lee in Hartford, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

OBEDIAH HOTCHKISS,
Secretary, pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY, 1797.

At an adjourned meeting of the President and Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the second Tuesday of May, 1797, at the house of John Lee.

Voted, That application be made to the General Assembly for additions to the act incorporating the Connecticut Medical Society.

Voted, That Doctor Mason F. Cogswell be an agent to transmit the business before the Assembly.

Voted, That in future there shall be appointed annually, by the convention, one general committee for examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery, which committee shall consist of five members (three of whom to be a quorum), vested with full powers to examine such candidates as may be recommended to them for examination from any of the county committees or others; and that the general committee, and they only, shall be vested with power to countersign and deliver to such candidates as they shall approve of, a license from under the seal of the Society, and that every candidate so receiving a license shall pay the sum of ten dollars, which shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Society, and shall also pay the committee a reasonable reward for their examination. And, that the several county committees shall be empowered only to examine and recommend to the general committee such candidates as they may think proper, any former bye-law, usage, or custom, not comporting herewith, notwithstanding.

Voted, That Doctor Felix Pascalis Ouviere, D.D., be a corresponding member of this Society.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Thaddeus Betts.

Voted, That, whereas a committee appointed by the Medical Convention convened at New Haven in October last, to examine the Dispensatory of Doctor Samuel Stearns, and report thereon, to the next convention; and that committee having but partially examined it, did, by the repeated importunities of the said Doctor Stearns, before they made report, give said Stearns, a certificate approbating the same; the convention, not having received the

report of their committee till this day, do not undertake to recommend said work to the public.

Whereas, Doctor Elisha Perkins, a member of this Society, having obtained a patent from under the authority of the United States for the exclusive privilege of using and vending certain pointed metallic instruments (pretending that they possess inherent powers of curing many diseases, and that they were an invention of his own), which is directly contrary to rules and regulations adopted by this Society interdicting their members the use of nostrums; Thereupon, *Voted*, That the said Perkins be expelled from said Society.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each of the members of this Society, to be collected before the next convention, and

Voted, That the clerks of the several county meetings be collectors of the above tax.

Voted, That Doctors Lemuel Hopkins, Eliakim Fish, Mason F. Gogswell, Daniel Sheldon, John Osbourn, be the examining committee.

Voted, That the meeting be adjourned until the first Tuesday after the second Thursday of October, then to convene in the Coffee-House, New Haven.

DANIEL SHELDON, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER, 1797.

At an annual Convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut holden on the third Tuesday of October, 1797.

A List of the Fellows of the Medical Society, chosen and returned by the several county meetings for the ensuing year:

Hartford County—Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Samuel Flagg, Lemuel Hopkins, Mason F. Gogswell.

New Haven County—Eneas Munson, Jared Pottor, Abraham Tomlinson, Obediah Hotchkiss, John Spalding.

New London County—Philip Turner, John Turner, Theophilus Rogers, John R. Watrous, John Noyce.

Fairfield County—James Potter, Gideon Shephard, James E. Beach, William Shelton, Bennet Perry.

Windham County—John Brewster, Jonathan Hall, Leonard Bacon, Thaddeus Clark, Penuel Hutchins.

Litchfield County—Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Rockwell, Nathaniel Perry, Phineas Meigs, Aaron Coleman.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, John Osbourn, William B. Hall.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, William Grosvenor, Simeon Field.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer; Daniel Sheldon, Secretary.

Examining Committee.—Lemuel Hopkins, Eliakim Fish, Daniel Sheldon, Mason F. Cogswell, John Osbourn.

Resolved, That if any Physician or Surgeon of the State of Connecticut who was in practice previous to the institution of this Society, should be desirous of becoming a member of the same, he may, by procuring a certificate from three of the fellows of said Society, of his having since supported the character of a good Physician or Surgeon, be enrolled as a member of the Society,—if he commenced his practice after the institution of the Society, it

shall be necessary that he be examined by the committee of examination, before he can become a member of the same.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of this Society to be paid by the first of May next.

Voted, That the examining committee meet once in four months for the purpose of examining candidates.

Voted, That the convention be adjourned to the third Wednesday in May next, then to meet at the house of Waldo Bigelow in Middletown.

DANIEL SHELDON, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MIDDLETOWN,

MAY, 1798.

At an adjourned Convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at Middletown on the 3d Wednesday of May, 1798, at the house of Waldo Bigelow.

Members present: Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Daniel Sheldon, Secretary; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer. Ichabod Warner, John Osbourn, Samuel Flagg, Lemuel Hopkins, Philip Turner, Samuel Rockwell, Theophilus Rogers, John Spalding, Thomas Moseley, Simeon Field, Aaron Coleman, Abraham Tomlinson, Obadiah Hotchkiss, James E. Beach, William B. Hall, William Shelton, Leonard Bacon, William Grosvenor, Nathaniel Perry, Jared Potter.

Voted, That Doctor Nathaniel Dwight be appointed *Comptroller*.

Voted, That it be his duty to write to the several county clerks requesting them to obtain and transmit accounts of the outstanding debentures in the several counties to him, as soon as may be, also, to obtain from them the names of those who have been and now are members of the several counties—also, that he make a statement of the accounts of the Society and lay it before the next convention.

Voted, That the committee for examining accounts, appointed in 1796, be dismissed.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to procure the insertion of advertisements for the Society, in the public newspapers, at the expense of the Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Doctor Lemuel Hopkins for his history of a case of bilious concretions.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Doctor Jared Potter, for his essay delivered at this time.

Voted, That Nathaniel Perry be appointed Treasurer of the Society *pro tempore*.

Voted, That the convention be adjourned to meet at New Haven, on the first Wednesday after the second Thursday of October next, at the Coffee-House, in said New Haven.

DANIEL SHELDON, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 17, 1798.

At an annual Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at New Haven, on the 17th of October, 1798.

A list of the Fellows of the Medical Society chosen and returned by the several counties for the ensuing year:

Hartford County—Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Samuel Flagg, Mason F. Cogswell.

New Haven County—Eneas Munson, Abraham Tomlinson, Jared Potter, John Spalding, Lewis Collins.

New London County—(List missing.)

Fairfield County—James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, William Shelton, James E. Beach, Hosea Hurlbut.

Windham County—John Brewster, Joseph Parker, Leonard Bacon, Thomas Hubbard, Thaddeus Clark.

Litchfield County—Samuel Orton, Daniel Sheldon, Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Caleb Austin.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, Ebenezer Tracy, William B. Hall.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Joseph Palmer.

The following gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer; Nathaniel Perry, Secretary.

The following gentlemen were chosen committees for the examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery in their respective counties:

Hartford County—Doctors Abner Moseley, Timothy Hall, and George Griswold.

New Haven County—Doctors Elijah Munson, John Spalding, and Lewis Collins.

New London County—Doctors Samuel Mather, John R. Watrous, and John Turner.

Fairfield County—Doctors Hosea Hurlburt, Joseph Trowbridge, and Gideon Shephard.

Windham County—Doctors Jonathan Hall, Thomas Hubbard, and Joseph Parker.

Litchfield County—Doctors Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, and Phineas Meigs.

Middlesex County—Doctors Thomas Moseley, Smith Clark, and William B. Hall.

Tolland County—Doctors Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, and Simeon Fields.

Voted, That the three first resolves of the first Medical Convention, which was in 1792, be, and same are hereby, revived and established in full force.

Resolved, That the votes proposed in May, 1797, respecting examining committees be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be given to the Voluntary Associated Medical Society of New Haven County, for their present this day, of a number of valuable books to be given out in prizes to successful candidates.

Voted, That application be made to the General Assembly for an addition to the Act incorporating the Connecticut Medical Society.

Voted, That Doctors Eneas Munson and Mason F. Cogswell be agents to transmit the business before the Assembly.

Voted, That Doctors Thaddeus Betts, Eneas Munson, James Potter, and Elihu Tudor be a committee to examine and recommend candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar on each member of the Medical Society be laid, payable the first day of May next.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to collect all the outstanding accounts due to and from the Societies, and report to next convention.

Voted, That the Secretary publish the doings of this convention in one of the newspapers in this State, and transmit copies to the clerks of the several counties at the expense of this Society.

Voted, That the two following prize questions be proposed for the discussion of the Faculty, viz.:

1. Schirrous, its rise, symptoms, and progress until it ends in an ulcerated cancer, and the best method of treating it in its various stages. The prize annexed to this question is Parkinson's voyage

to the South Seas, quarto volume, to be presented to the successful candidate.

What are the symptoms of the Scarlatina Anginosa as it appeared in the State of Connecticut in the year 1793, its various stages and degrees? Is a person liable to a second attack of the disease? How distinguished from *Angina Maligna*? Is it affected in its progress by any particular season of the year or state of the atmosphere? And what is the best method of treating it in its various stages? The prize annexed to this question is the works of Doctor John Fothergill, in one volume folio, to be presented to the successful candidate.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctors Jared Potter, and Theophilus Rogers.

Voted, That this convention be adjourned till the Wednesday next after the second Thursday of May next, then they meet at Mayor Ripley's in Hartford.

NATHANIEL PERRY,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION AT HARTFORD,

MAY 15, 1799.

At an adjourned convention of the Connecticut Medical Society holden at Hartford on the 15th day of May, 1799, at the house of Major John Ripley.

Members Present—Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer; Nathaniel Perry, Secretary.

Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins, Samuel Flagg, Abraham Tomlinson, Jared Potter, John Spalding, Lewis Collins, William Shelton, Hosea Hurlbut, Ichabod Warner, Joseph Parker, Leonard Bacon, William B. Hall, Thomas Moseley, Thaddeus Clark, Elihu Tudor, and Jeremiah West.

Resolved, That Doctors Hosea Hurlbut, Lewis Collins, Thaddeus Clark, and Jared Potter be a committee to prepare a memorial to lay before the General Assembly.

Resolved, That Doctors Mason F. Cogswell, James Potter, and Eneas Munson be a committee to transact the business before the Assembly.

Resolved, That the next convention of this Society be holden at New Haven on Wednesday next after the second Thursday of October next, at the Coffee House.

NATHANIEL PERRY,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 16, 1799.

At an annual convention of the Connecticut Medical Society on the 16th day of October, 1799, at New Haven,

The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing, viz.:

Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were chosen committees for the examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery, in their respective counties, viz.:

Timothy Hall, George Griswold, and Mason Moseley for the county of Hartford.

John Spalding, Elijah Munson, Lewis Collins, for New Haven county.

Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Philemon Tracy, for New London county.

Gideon Shephard, Ezra Curtiss, Bennet Perry, for Fairfield County.

Jonathan Hall, Leonard Bacon, Thomas Hubbard, for Windham county.

Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, Anthony Bennett, for Litchfield county.

Richard Ely, William B. Hall, Smith Clark, for Middlesex county

Jeremiah West, Simeon Fields, Ruggles Carpenter, for Tolland county.

A list of Fellows of the Society for the year ensuing chosen and returned by the respective counties:

Hartford County—Lemuel Hopkins, Elihu Tudor, Mason F. Cogswell, Nathaniel Dwight, Eli Todd.

New Haven County—Eneas Munson, John Spalding, Jared Potter, Obediah Hotchkiss, Lewis Collins.

New London County—Theophilus Rogers, Philip Turner, Simon Wolcott, Luther Manning, John R. Watrous.

Fairfield County—James Potter, William Shelton, Ezra Curtiss, Hosea Hurlbut, James E. Beach.

Windham County—Jonathan Hall, Leonard Bacon, Thaddeus Clark, Thomas Hubbard, Penuel Hutchins.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Abel Catlin, Anthony Burritt.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, William B. Hall, Richard Ely.

Tolland County—Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Simeon Field.

Voted, That Doctors Jeremiah West, Eli Todd, Simeon Field, and Nathaniel Dwight, be a committee to make out a form for a diploma for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Doctor Thaddeus Clark, for his ingenious dissertation read this day before the Society, and that a copy be requested for the press.

Voted, That the Secretary have liberty to grant copies to the clerks of the several counties, of any dissertations or orations that have been read before the Society, and approved (being thereto requested), they paying the expense that may arise therefor.

Resolved, That the President of this Society make out diplomas for the gentlemen on whom honorary degrees have been conferred by said Society, and that a plate be engraved at the expense of the Society for said purpose, and that the President be a committee to procure said plate.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be a committee to examine candidates for the degree of M.D., and recommend to the Society, viz.: Elihu Tudor, James Potter, Jeremiah West, Eneas Munson, and Thomas Moseley.

Voted, That Eneas Munson, Nathaniel Dwight, Jeremiah West, William B. Hall, James Potter, Jesse Carrington, Simon Wolcott, and Thaddeus Clark, be a committee to take into consideration and digest some regular system of education to be pursued by candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, and report to the next convention.

Voted, To request Doctors Eli Todd and Nathaniel Dwight, to deliver each a dissertation before the next convention.

Voted, That Doctors Nathaniel Dwight, Obadiah Hotchkiss, Philemon Tracy, James E. Beach, Thaddeus Clark, Jesse Carrington, William B. Hall, and Jeremiah West, be committees in their respective counties, to impeach those members who may hold nostrums contrary to a bye-law of this Society.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society, payable the first day of May next.

Voted, To adjourn this convention to the Wednesday next after the second Thursday of May next, then to meet at the City Hall in Hartford, at 9 o'clock A. M.

NATHANIEL PERRY, *Secretary.*

The following is the form of a diploma as reported by the committee and approved.

PRÆSES & SOCII SOCIETATIS MEDICÆ REIPUBLICÆ CONNECTICUTENSIS omnibus has literas per lecturis SALUTEM:

Vobis notum sit quod nos pro auctoritate nobis concessa in comitiis Congressi Suffragiis & Consensu totius Conventus ob Mores probos atque urbanos, Eruditionemque singularem, precipue ob Scientiam eximeam, Peritiamque in arte medendi contulimus dedimusque Ā———. Titulam Gradumque MEDICINÆ DOCTORIS dantes et concedentes ei omnia Jura, Privilegia Honoresque eidem Gradui pertinentes. In cujus Rei Testimonium ut ratum sanctumque sit pro more decrevimus Sigillum Societatis nostræ nomenque Præsidis huic Instituto affigi.

The following is a form of Certificate of Membership for Corresponding Members:

Præses Societatis Medicæ quæ ab. Anno Domini MDCCXCII, Connecticutensis floret, omnibus quibus hæc pervenerint Salutem. Hisce literis testatur DOMINUM DANIELUM LORD Virum doctum & medicina peritum nostræ Societatis Alumnum Correspondentem adscriptum fuisse, omnesque ejus Honores et Privilegia jure rituque consecutum esse.

In cujus Rei Fidem Societatis Sigillum est impressum Nomenque Præsidis subscriptum.

Approved in convention at New Haven on 16th October, 1799.

NATHANIEL PERRY, *Secretary.*

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Doctor John Warren of Boston, and on Doctor Theophilus Rogers.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION AT HARTFORD,

MAY 14, 1800.

At a convention of the Connecticut Medical Society holden at the City Hall in Hartford by adjournment on the 14th day of May, 1800.

Members present—Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Mason F. Cogswell, Treasurer; Nathaniel Perry, Secretary.

Thomas Moseley, Elihu Tudor, Jared Potter, Philip Turner, John Spalding, Ichabod Warner, John R. Watrous, William B. Hall, Anthony Bennett, William Shelton, Thomas Hubbard, Abel Catlin, Luther Manning, Richard Ely, Nathaniel Dwight, Jonathan Hall, Lemuel Hopkins, Jeremiah West, Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, Simon Field, Eli Todd.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed last October to point out a regular system of education to be pursued by candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, which is as follows, viz.:

That no candidate for the practice of Physic or Surgery in this State shall be admitted to examination until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, is of good reputation, and shall have had a collegiate education, and shall have studied at least two years with some reputable Physician or Surgeon; or if he has not had such preparatory education, shall have studied at least three years with such practitioner, and shall not be licensed to practice unless found qualified as follows, viz.:

A general knowledge of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Botany, and a thorough knowledge of Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Anatomy and Physiology, Theory and Practice of Physic and Surgery.

Voted, That application be made to the General Assembly for an addition to the act incorporating a Medical Society.

Voted, That Doctors James Potter and John R. Watrous be agents to transact the business before the Assembly.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Doctor Nathaniel Dwight, for his ingenious dissertation read this day before this Society, and that a copy be requested to lye on file.

Voted, That Doctor Samuel Willard be appointed examining committee for Tolland County in place of Doctor Simeon Field removed.

Voted, To request Doctor Eli Todd, or on his failure, Doctor Simeon Field, to deliver an oration or dissertation before this convention at their next session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this convention that Doctor Mark Newell who has been cited to appear before this convention to answer to an accusation against him for a breach of a bye-law of this Society, prohibiting members from holding nostrums is guilty of a breach of said bye-law.

Voted, That Doctor Mark Newell may have the privilege of publishing the recipe for his Jaundice pills or family Physic, and be considered a reputable member by complying with the requisitions of the bye-law.

Doctor Mark Newell's Jaundice Pills or family Physic:

℞	Aloes,	ʒii
	Sap. Cast.,	ʒi
	Rad. Zingib.	
	Sal. Tart., aa	℥ss
	G. Myrrh,	ʒii
	Tart. Emet.,	ʒi
	Aq. Com., qs.	
	M ft. pil.	

HARTFORD COUNTY, ss. HARTFORD, May 15, 1800.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for Hartford County, Mr. Mark Newell, Physician, and made oath that the articles above enumerated are those and the only articles made use of in his Jaundice Pills or family Physic.

Test, DANIEL ROCKWELL, *Justice of Peace.*

Voted, That Doctors John Spalding, Elijah Munson, and Nathaniel Perry, be a committee to select from the files for publication, such papers as they may think proper, and report to the next convention.

Voted, That Doctor Jeremiah West be Treasurer *pro tem.*

Voted, That the next convention of this Society be holden at

the Coffee House in New Haven, on Wednesday next after the second Thursday of October next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

NATHANIEL PERRY, *Secretary.*

June 25, 1799, Ulysses Dow was examined and licensed by Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, and Simeon Field. May 6, 1800, John S. Peters was examined and licensed by Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, and Simeon Field. October 23, 1799, Amos Cromdal was examined and licensed by Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, and Simeon Field. Consider Morgan was examined and licensed November 8, 1798. Edward Field was examined and licensed June 10, 1799. Orestes King was examined and licensed July 25, 1799. Noah Niles was examined and licensed September 24, 1799. Elisha Chapman was examined and licensed July 18, 1800. Oliver Mills was examined and licensed September 29, 1800. All by George Griswold and Timothy Hall, Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 15, 1800.

At a convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at New Haven, the 15th day of October, 1800, the following gentlemen were returned from the various counties as duly chosen Fellows for the year ensuing:

Hartford County—Doctors Elihu Tudor, Mason F. Gogswell, Solomon Everest, Timothy Hall, John Bestor.

New Haven County—Eneas Munson, Abraham Tomlinson, John Spalding, Jared Potter, Obediah Hotchkiss.

New London County—Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, John Noyce, John O. Miner, Avery Downer.

Fairfield County—James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, Gideon Shepard, Joseph Trowbridge, Thaddeus Betts.

Windham County—Penuel Hutchins, Leonard Bacon, Jonathan Hall, Thomas Hubbard, Siah Fuller.

Litchfield County—Samuel Orton, Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, Nathaniel Perry, Anthony Burrit.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, Richard Ely, Wm. B. Hall.

Tolland County—Jeremiah West, Nathan Howard, Ruggles Carpenter.

Appointments by the Convention—Eneas Munson, President; James Potter, Vice-President; Samuel Woodward, Secretary.

Examination Committees—Hartford County, Solomon Everest, John Bestor, Eliphalet Burk; New Haven County, Abraham Tomlinson, Elijah Munson, Obediah Hotchkiss; New London County, John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, Avery Downer; Fairfield County, Hosea Hurlbut, Gideon Shepard, Joseph Trowbridge; Windham County, Jonathan Hall, Leonard Bacon, Thomas Hubbard; Litchfield County, Samuel Woodward, Anthony Burrit, Jesse Carrington; Middlesex County, Richard Ely, Smith Clark, William B. Hall; Tolland County, Ruggles Carpenter, Samuel Willard, Nathaniel Howard.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each of the members of the Connecticut Medical Society, to be paid by the first day of May, next.

Voted, That the clerks of the several counties be the collectors of the said tax, and that the said clerks make annual returns to the medical convention of the names of the members of the Connecticut Medical Society, residing in their respective counties.

Voted, That the Treasurer report to the next convention a statement of the accounts of the Society.

Voted, Doctors Eneas Munson, John Spalding, and Elijah Munson be a committee to revise the bye-laws of the Society, and report to the next convention with such alterations and additions as they judge proper.

Voted, That Doctors Timothy Hall, Elijah Munson, John Noyce, Joseph Trowbridge, Thomas Hubbard, Nathaniel Perry, William B. Hall, and Ruggles Carpenter, be a committee to prosecute all breaches of the bye-laws of the Society.

Voted, That Richard Ely, and Leonard Bacon, be appointed to deliver an oration or dissertation on some medical subject at the next convention.

Voted, That the following be prize questions:

1st. Schirrus, its causes, symptoms, and modes of issue; what is the best method of treatment in its recent state; and how treated if it become cancerous? Premium, Perkinson's "Voyage to the South Seas."

2d. Chronic Rheumatism, what, how distinguished from the inflammatory rheumatism, also how distinguished from the gout; its causes, symptoms, best method of cure? Premium, Doctor Fothergill's Works.

3d. Mercury, its nature, what preparations of it are best; in what diseases and how to be administered?

Voted, That the bye-law prohibiting the examination of a candidate until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, be dispensed with, in the case of Charles Rogers, who is bound on a voyage to sea.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the examining committees of the various counties, to examine all candidates who shall apply to them for that purpose, and are qualified for examination agreeably to the bye-laws of the Society, whether the candidates belong in the same county with the committee, or elsewhere.

Voted, That the next convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, be holden at the Coffee House, in New Haven, on the Wednesday next succeeding the second Thursday of October, next.

Voted, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the doings of the convention to the clerks of the various counties and publish them in the public papers.

Test, SAMUEL WOODWARD, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 11, 1801.

At an annual meeting of the Medical Convention of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the 11th of October, 1801.

Officers for the year ensuing—James Potter, President; Thomas Moseley, Vice-President; William B. Hall, Treasurer; and William Shelton, chosen Secretary.

A list of the Fellows of the Medical Society, chosen and returned from the several counties:

Hartford County—Elihu Tudor, Timothy Hall, Elijah F. Read, Solomon Everest, John Bestor.

New Haven County—Jared Potter, Abraham Tomlinson, John Spalding, John Barker, Obediah Hotchkiss.

New London County—Simeon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Avery Downer, John O. Miner, James Lee.

Fairfield County—James Potter, Thaddeus Betts, William Shelton, James E. Beach, Benjamin Curtis.

Windham County—Jonathan Hall, Penuel Hutchins, Leonard Bacon, Thomas Hubbard, Siah Fuller.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Anthony Burrit, Jesse Carrington, Nathaniel Perry, Benjamin Welch.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, William B. Hall, Richard Ely.

Tolland County—Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, Nathan Howard.

Examining Committee—Hartford County, Solomon Everest, John Bestor, Eliakim Fish; New Haven County, Abraham Tomlinson, Elijah Munson, Obediah Hotchkiss; New London County, John Turner, Avery Downer, John O. Miner; Fairfield County, Gideon Shepard, Joseph Trowbridge, Burrit A. Perry; Windham County, Leonard Bacon, Roger Waldo, Thaddeus Clark; Litchfield County, Jesse Carrington, Samuel Woodward, Anthony Burrit; Middlesex County, Richard Ely, Smith Clark, Isaac Smith; Tolland County, Samuel Willard, Nathan Howard, Jeremiah West.

Resolved, That when any new clerk be chosen in any of the counties, his predecessor is directed to deliver over all the records

and papers appertaining to the office, retaining copies of the same if he thinks proper, provided always, that the former clerks shall have access to the records so delivered over to take attested copies thereof, if he requests them.

Voted, That the Fellows be a committee of abatement of taxes, in their respective counties.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society.

Voted, That William B. Hall, Jared Potter, and William Shelton, be a committee to revise the bye-laws of the Society, and report to the next convention.

Voted, That the prosecution that subsists between the Society and David Rogers and Phineas Miller, be withdrawn, provided the said Rogers and Miller pay their own costs.

Voted, That prize questions which were published last year, and have not been answered, be continued.

Voted, The convention be adjourned to the city of Hartford, at the house of John Ripley, on the first Wednesday after second Thursday in May, next.

Test, WILLIAM SHELTON, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION AT HARTFORD,

MAY 19, 1802.

At an adjourned convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden the 19th of May, A.D. 1802, at the house of Major John Ripley, in Hartford.

Members Present, viz.—James Potter, President; Thomas Moseley, Vice-President; Wm. B. Hall, Treasurer; Richard Ely, Secretary, *pro tem.*

Jeremiah West, Elihu Tudor, John R. Watrous, Elijah F. Read, John Spalding, Nathan Howard, Nathaniel Perry, Anthony Burrit, Jesse Carrington, Samuel Woodward, John O. Miner, John Bestor, Jared Potter, Benjamin Curtis, Ruggles Carpenter, Abraham Tomlinson, and Solomon Everest.

A dissertation was presented (for the offered premium on Chronic Rheumatism) the consideration of which was postponed to the annual convention, October, next

Voted, That the revision of the by-laws of the Connecticut Medical Society, as reported by the committee appointed for that purpose in October last, be accepted; and that the same be printed, and that the other doings of the Society from its origin, together with the names of its officers, Fellows, etc., be added by way of appendix; and that the doings of the present convention be like wise included.

Voted, That five hundred copies be printed.

Voted, That Wm. B. Hall be a committee for printing, as above.

Voted, That, by the application of Doctor Samuel Willard, Doctors E. Tudor, A. Tomlinson, and T. Moseley, be a committee to examine the waters of Stafford Medicinal Spring, with the evidences of its medicinal virtues, and make report thereon.

The committee to examine the qualities of the mineral waters of the spring or pool in Stafford report that said waters possess valuable medicinal properties, and would be highly useful to the public under proper regulation.

Doctors James Potter, E. Tudor, T. Moseley, and Samuel Woodward, were appointed a committee to prepare a bill for the purpose of ameliorating the Medical Treasury system.

Said committee reported thereon by memorial to the General

Assembly, and a bill thereon praying farther assistance, which report was accepted.

Voted, That Doctors Jared Potter and John Bestor, be a committee to present the above memorial and bill to the General Assembly, at their present session, and to make such alterations as they may find necessary.

Voted, That a committee be annually appointed, for the purpose of recommending to the convention such characters for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, as they shall judge worthy of that honor, either by examination or such other testimonials of qualifications as shall be satisfactory to them; and that the fee for a Doctor's diploma shall be ten dollars; provided that this resolve have no retrospective view, nor the fee of ten dollars be exacted from any person on whom such degree shall be conferred, unsolicited.

James Potter, Elihu Tudor, Thomas Moseley, Jared Potter, and Thaddeus Betts, Doctors of Medicine, were chosen a committee for the above purpose.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to call upon those examining committees, who have not made legal report of their proceedings; to make a report to the convention in October, next; and on failure of making due report, to commence process against such delinquent committees, to compel them to the performance of their duty. *Voted*, That the blank certificates be lodged with the Treasurer, previously signed and sealed by the President, and that the Treasurer supply the various examining committees with such certificates when requested.

Voted, That the next convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, be holden at Butler's tavern in New Haven, on the Wednesday next succeeding the second Thursday of October next.

Test, RICHARD ELY, *Secretarg, pro tem.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 20, 1802.

At the annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the 20th of October, 1802.

Officers chosen for the year are:

James Potter, President; Thos. Moseley, Vice-President; William Shelton, Secretary; William B. Hall, Treasurer.

The following gentlemen are returned from the various counties as members of the Society for the year ensuing:

Hartford County—John Bestor, George Griswold, Timothy Hall, Howard Allen, Samuel Flagg.

New Haven County—Abraham Tomlinson, Jared Potter, Levi Ives, John Spalding, John Barker, Simon Wolcott, John R. Watrous, Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County—James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, William Shelton, Joseph Trowbridge, James E. Beach.

Windham County—Penuel Hutchins, Siah Fuller, Jonathan Hall, Robert Grovenor, Thaddeus Clark.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Benjamin Welch, Gideon Woodruff.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, Richard Ely, William B. Hall.

Tolland County—Ruggles Carpenter, Nathan Howard, Samuel Willard.

Voted, That the Treasurer pay the bill this day presented by Wm. Shelton.

Voted, That Wm. B. Hall and Levi Ives be a committee to settle with Eneas Munson, late President of the Society. The following physicians are chosen a committee of examination in the respective Counties: Elakim Fish, Solomon Everest, and John Bestor for the County of Hartford; Abraham Tomlinson, John Spalding, and John Barker, New Haven County; John Turner, John O. Miner, and Avery Downer for the County of New London; Hosea Hurlbut, Joseph Trowbridge, and Gideon Shepard for the County of Fairfield; Jesse Carrington, Nathaniel Perry, and Samuel Woodward for the County of Litchfield; Leonard

Bacon, Roger Waldo, and Thaddeus Clark for the County of Windham; Richard Ely, Smith Clark, and Isaac Smith for the County of Middlesex; Jeremiah West, Ruggles Carpenter, and Samuel Willard for the County of Tolland.

Voted, That the Treasurer draw an order on the Clerk of New Haven County for the payment of a bill this day presented by Eneas Munson.

Resolved, That the clerks in the several counties be directed to call on every member of the Medical Society in their respective counties to pay up their arrearages of taxes at or before the first day of January, next, and if any who are delinquent conceive themselves subjects of abatement, the said clerks shall advertise in the public papers for the fellows of the county wherein he is clerk, to meet at such time and place as he may think proper to make such abatements as they may judge expedient, at which time and place those who expect to avail themselves of abatement of their taxes shall be notified to attend and make known their pretentions.

Voted, That the fellows and clerks who meet for this abatement of taxes shall have the same wages for their services, as they have for attendance upon Convention.

Voted, That James Potter, Thomas Moseley, Jared Potter, and Thaddeus Betts, chosen last convention the committee of examination of candidates applying for the degree of Doctors of Medicine, be continued for the same purpose.

Voted, That Thomas Moseley, William B. Hall, and Smith Clark be a committee to prepare a petition to lay before the General Assembly in October, 1803, and make report to the next Convention.

Voted, That the prize questions given out in October, 1800, be published for dissertations the present year with the same premiums annexed thereto.

Voted, That the Treasurer procure printed blank certificates of debenture bills.

Voted, That each member of the Medical Society be taxed one dollar payable by the first of May next.

Voted, That the doings of convention be annually copied from the records of the Connecticut Medical Society, and transmitted to the Treasurer, by him to be printed and sent to the various county

clerks, in number equal to the pamphlets already sent the present year, and pay the same out of the Treasury.

Voted, That a degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Joseph Hamilton, in the City of Hudson, State of New York.

Voted, That a degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Abraham Tomlinson, and John Spalding, and Hosea Hurlbut, and Eliakim Fish.

Voted, That John Bestor, Richard Ely, and Leonard Bacon, exhibit dissertations on medical subjects before the convention at their next meeting.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the house of Elisha Frost in New Haven, on the first Wednesday after second Thursday in October, 1803.

WILLIAM SHELTON, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 19, 1803.

At an annual meeting of the Medical Convention of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on 19th of October, 1803.

Officers for the ensuing year, are:

Thomas Moseley, President; Jeremiah West, Vice-President; William Shelton, chosen Secretary, and William B. Hall, Treasurer. The President and Vice-President being absent, John R. Watrous was chosen President, *pro tempore.*

The Fellows returned from the various counties, were:

Hartford County—Eliakim Fish, Hartford; John Bestor, Simsbury; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; Leonard Bacon, Hartford; George Griswold, East Hartford.

New Haven County—Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; Levi Ives, New Haven; Jonathan Todd, Guilford; John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven.

New London County—John R. Watrous, Colchester; John Noyes, Lyme; James Lee, New London; Thomas Coit, Jr., New London; Avery Downer, Preston.

Fairfield County—Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; Hosea Hurlbut, Fairfield; William Shelton, Huntington; Samuel Webb, Stamford; Ely Perry, Brookfield.

Windham County—Penuel Hutchins, Killingsly; Joseph Palmer, Ashford; Siah Fuller, Plainfield; Jonathan Hall, Pomfret; Thaddeus Clark, Lebanon.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Torrington; Jesse Carrington, Goshen; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; Gideon Woodruff, Plymouth; Elijah Lyman, Warren.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, East Haddam; William B. Hall, Middletown; Elisha Mather, Saybrook.

Tolland County—Nathan Howard, Coventry; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; Samuel Willard, Stafford.

The following Physicians are chosen a committee of examination in their respective counties:

Hartford County—Eliakim Fish, Mason F. Cogswell, and Leonard Bacon.

New Haven County—John Spalding, John Barker of New Haven. Joseph Foot of North Haven.

New London County—Samuel Mather, Lyme; Simon Wolcott, New London; Thomas Coit, Jun., do.

Fairfield County—Hosea Hurlbut, Fairfield ; Gideon Shepard, Newtown; Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury.

Windham County—Siah Fuller, Plainfield; Thaddeus Clark, Lebanon; Joseph Palmer, Ashford.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Torrington; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Jesse Carrington, Goshen.

Middlesex County—Smith Clark, Haddam; Isaac Smith, Chat ham; Austin Alcot, Killingworth.

Tolland County—Jeremiah West, Tolland; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; John S. Peters, Hebron.

Resolved, That no examination of a candidate for the practice of physic or surgery shall hereafter be made until all the examining committee of the county shall have been notified by the pupil or his preceptor, and then no examination shall take place unless a majority of the committee be present.

Voted, That the bye-law prohibiting the examination of a candidate until he arrives at twenty-one years of age, be dispensed with in the case of Silas M. Shepard.

Voted, That the resignation of James Potter, late President of this Society, be accepted, and that Leonard Bacon, Jesse Carrington, and Joseph Trowbridge be a committee to advise upon the subject.

Voted, That John R. Watrous and William B. Hall be a committee to lay before the General Assembly a bill regulating the Treasury Department.

Voted, That John Bestor, John Barker, Hosea Hurlbut, James Lee, Thaddeus Clark, Jesse Carrington, Smith Clark, and Ruggles Carpenter, be a committee in their respective counties to prosecute all breaches of the bye-laws of this Society, and in a particular manner immediately to prosecute (as the law directs) all the members of the Society who are palming upon the public nostrums or secret *patent* medicines contrary to the rules of said Society.

Voted, That the Fellows, for the time being, be a committee in their respective counties for the abatement of taxes.

Voted, That Eliakim Fish, Jeremiah West, Thomas Moseley and

John R. Watrous be a committee to ascertain the qualifications of physicians for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That the prize questions given out last year be continued, and the same premiums annexed thereto.

Voted, That each member of this Society be taxed one dollar and fifty cents, payable by the first of May next.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to Hartford on Wednesday after second Thursday in May next at the house of Amos Ransom.

Test, WILLIAM SHELTON, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 16, 1804.

At an adjourned Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society holden at Hartford the 16th of May 1804, at the house of Amos Ransom, Innholder.

Members present—Thomas Moseley, President; Jeremiah West, Vice-President; William B. Hall, Treasurer.

John R. Watrous, Abraham Tomlinson, Jesse Carrington, Benjamin Welch, Samuel Woodward, Leonard Bacon, Avery Downer, Timothy Hall, George Griswold, John Bestor, and Samuel Willard.

Jesse Carrington chosen Secretary, *pro tem.*

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify all venders of nostrums, who are incorporated members, to appear before the Convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society to be holden at New Haven the first Wednesday after the second Thursday of October next, if they or either of them shall see fit, and there to show reasons if any they have, why they should not be expelled from said Society on account of vending *nostrums*, by them advertised contrary to the principles of the institution and express bye-laws thereof.

Voted, That Doctors Jeremiah West and John R. Watrous be a committee to obtain an act of the General Assembly to regulate the business of vending or retailing medicine.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Doctor Samuel Willard for his ingenious dissertation on the medicinal qualities of Stafford mineral waters, and that a copy be requested to be kept on file.

Voted, That the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society entertain a high sense of, and respect for, the merits and zeal of their late President, Doctor James Potter, now deceased, and that in testimony thereof, the Society be directed to make record of this vote and transmit a certified copy of the same to his widow and surviving family.

JESSE CARRINGTON, *Secretary, pro tem.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 17, 1804.

At an annual Convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the 17th of October, 1804.

Members returned from the several counties are:

Hartford County—Leonard Bacon, Hartford; John Bestor, Symsbury; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; George Griswold, East Hartford; Elijah F. Beach, East Windsor.

New Haven County—Jared Potter, Wallingford; John Spalding, New Haven; Levi Ives, New Haven; Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; John Barker, New Haven.

New London County—Samuel Mather, Lyme; John R. Watrous, Colchester; Avery Downer, Preston; John O. Miner, Groton; Thomas Coit, Jr.

Fairfield County—William Shelton, Huntington; Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; Thaddeus Betts, Norwalk; Ely Perry, Brookfield; Benjamin Curtis, Newtown.

Windham County—not returned.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; Timothy Clark, Harwinton; Elijah Lyman, Warren; Samuel Woodward, Torrington.

Middlesex County—Thomas Moseley, East Haddam; William B. Hall, Middletown; Smith Clark, Saybrook.

Tolland County—Jeremiah West, Tolland; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; John S. Peters, Hebron.

Thomas Moseley having resigned his Presidency, the officers for the ensuing year are:

Jeremiah West, *President;* Jared Potter, *Vice-President;* William Shelton, *Secretary;* William B. Hall, *Treasurer.*

The committee of examination are the following physicians in their respective counties.

Hartford County—Timothy Hall, East Hartford; Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; Leonard Bacon, Hartford.

New Haven County—John Spalding, New Haven; John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven.

New London County—John Noyes, Lyme; Avery Downer, Preston; Simon Wolcott, New London.

Fairfield County—Gideon Shepard, Newtown; Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; William Shelton, Huntington.

Windham County—Siah Fuller, Plainfield; Thaddeus Clark, Lebanon; Joseph Palmer, Ashford.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Torrington; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Jesse Carrington, Goshen.

Middlesex County—Richard Ely, Saybrook; William B. Hall, Middletown; Levi Ward, Haddam.

Tolland County—Samuel Willard, Stafford; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; Ebenezer Hunt, Coventry.

Voted, That Jeremiah West, Jared Potter, Thaddeus Betts, Abraham Tomlinson, John R. Watrous, be a committee to ascertain the qualifications of physicians for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Whereas, Thomas H. Rawson of New London, and Joel Northrup of New Haven, both members of the Society, have been in the practice of making and vending *nostrums*, contrary to the bye-laws of the institutions and the expressed principles thereof, and having been duly notified to appear before said Society, and answer thereunto; neither of whom having appeared; therefore, *Resolved unanimously*, That Thomas H. Rawson and Joel Northrup be expelled from this Society.

Voted, That Timothy Hall, Abraham Tomlinson, John R. Watrous, Gideon Shepard, Thaddeus Clark, Jesse Carrington, William B. Hall, and John S. Peters, be a committee in their respective counties to collect manuscript pieces and transmit them to Doctors Levi Ives, John Barker, and Obadiah Hotchkiss, that they may select for publication.

Voted, That the Secretary transmit all the pieces upon prize questions which are in his hands to the above committee.

Be it ordained, That all Physicians and Surgeons who pretend to any *nostrums* or secrets, or who hold *patents* for making and vending particular medicines, and are willing to communicate their knowledge to the Convention, and their genuine *recipes* disclose upon oath before some proper authority, therein declaring that they have revealed every simple and composition they are possessed of relative thereto, and their method of administering the same, without the least reservation whatever, and lodge the same with the Secretary of the Convention, and disclaiming all right of

prosecuting any of the members of the Medical Society for making and using their patent medicines in their practice; their patents to the contrary notwithstanding, and advertising in the public papers that they have disclosed the same as aforesaid, shall be considered as in good and reputable standing in the Society, and that the *bye-law* requiring such pretenders to secrets to advertise a *recipe* of their particular nostrums or secrets in the public papers, be and the same is hereby repealed.

To whom it may concern, This may certify that I have lodged with the Secretary of the Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, a *recipe* of my New London Bilious Pills, subscribed under oath, without reservation, and have given liberty for any member of said Society in this State to make and use them in his own practice.

SAMUEL H. P. LEE.

NEW HAVEN, October 19, 1804.

Whereas, Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee of New London, the patentee of the pills known and sold by the designation of Lee's New London Bilious Pills, having lodged with the Secretary of the Medical Convention of the State the *recipe* of said pills, subscribed under oath, and having consented that any member of the Medical Society of this State shall have the liberty of making and using in his practice the said pills, the said Lee's patent to the contrary notwithstanding: therefore *resolved*, that the said Samuel H. P. Lee be considered as in regular standing in the Connecticut Medical Society.

A true copy of H. P. Lee's patent New London Bilious Pills:

℞ Pulv. aloe opt., twelve ounces.
Scammoni Aleppo, six ounces.
Gutte Gamba opt., five ounces.
Merc. dulc. ppt., five ounces.
Jallap opt., three ounces.
Sapo. Castile, one ounce.
Syrupus e., Bucthorne, one ounce.
M Mucilage Gum arabic, seven ounces.

The above powders being well incorporated add the syrup and mucilage and beat in a mortar to a mass without adding any more syrup. Divide two drachms and a half of this mass into twenty-four pills, of which the dose is from one to three or four pills; which in their operation are solely cathartic.

New Haven County,
New Haven, October 18, 1804.

Personally appeared Samuel H. P. Lee and made solemn oath that the above specification or recipe was a true copy of the original, as annexed to his patent for his New London Bilious pills, so called, granted by the government of the United States.

Sworn before me, Elisha Munson, *Justice of the Peace.*

Resolved, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Jeremiah West of Tolland, John R. Watrous of Colchester, Samuel Mather of Lyme, and William Eustis of Boston, State of Massachusetts.

Voted, That the Treasurer grant a new debenture to Benjamin Curtis, of six dollars and forty-two cents, in the room of one lost, granted May 20th, 1802.

Voted, That all persons who hold certificates of debentures against the Medical Society, transmit a copy of each to the Treasurer of said Society, by the first of June next.

Voted, That we tax each member of this Society one dollar, payable by the first of May next.

Voted, That Smith Clark, Isaac Smith, and Levi Ward be a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Society, and report to the next convention, and that said committee have the same compensation as for attendance upon convention.

Voted, That the Convention be adjourned to New Haven on the first Wednesday after second Thursday in October, 1805, at the house of Elisha Frost.

Test, WILLIAM SHELTON, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1805.

At the annual Convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 16 and 17, 1805,

The following members were chosen into office for the ensuing year:

Drs. JEREMIAH WEST, *President;* JARED POTTER, *Vice-President;* WM. B. HALL, *Treasurer;* JOHN BARKER, *Secretary*, and sworn into office.

The following list of Fellows from the respective counties was returned to the Secretary:

Hartford County—Drs. Howard Alden, Suffield; John Bestor, Symsbury; Leonard Bacon, Hartford; Simon Field, Enfield; Timothy Hall, East Hartford.

New Haven County—Drs. Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; Levi Ives, New Haven; Thomas Goodsell, Woodbridge; Joseph Foot, North Haven; John Barker, New Haven.

New London County—Drs. Simeon Wolcott, New London; John R. Watrous, Colchester; John O. Miner, Groton; Avery Downer, Preston; Thomas Coit, Jr., New London.

Fairfield County—Drs. Hosea Hurlbut, Fairfield; Bennett Perry, Newtown; Eli Perry, Brookfield; William Beard, Reading; Benjamin Curtiss, Newtown.

Windham County—None.

Litchfield County—Drs. Samuel Woodward, Torrington; Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; Gideon Woodruff, Plymouth.

Middlesex County—Drs. Thomas Moseley, East Haddam; Richard Ely, Saybrook; William B. Hall, Middletown.

Tolland County—Drs. Jeremiah West, Tolland; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; John S. Peters, Hebron.

Upon a motion to take into consideration the conduct of Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee in publishing to the public that the Convention had, by restoring him to a reputable standing, upon his complying with a bye-law now in force, given their sanction to his pill, *Voted*, That Dr. Field. Dr. Bestor, Dr. Bacon, and Dr. Woodward be a committee to report upon the subject.

A petition being offered from Gideon Beardsley praying that the bye-law, requiring three years' study by a student who has not had a collegiate education, may, so far as it respects him, be dispensed with (he having been in College until his Junior Year), *Voted*, That the bye-law, so far as it respects him, be dispensed with, and that he be admitted to an examination at the expiration of two years from the time he commenced his medical studies.

Voted, That Drs. Levi Ives, John Barker, Eli Ives, and Obadiah Hotchkiss, be a committee to examine all dissertations in the Secretary's hands, and also that the several County Clerks be requested to send to the Secretary such communications as are in their hands, from which said committee are requested to select such pieces as they shall think suitable for publication, and report to the Convention in October next.

Voted, That the members of the Medical Society in this State be requested to collect manuscript pieces, on medical subjects, and transmit the same to Drs. Levi Ives, John Barker, Obadiah Hotchkiss, and Eli Ives, that they may select for publication.

The following report was read by the committee and approved by the Convention, concerning the conduct of Samuel H. P. Lee, in making use of their name to give a currency to his Bilious Pills, and ordered to be printed in the Connecticut *Courant:*

TO THE PUBLIC.

Whereas, The Medical Convention of this State have noticed with disapprobation sundry publications, in several newspapers, in the United States, advertising the New London Bilious Pills (so called) of Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee, as an invaluable medicine, in almost every disease incident to mankind, and palming the same upon the public, under the patronage of the Connecticut Medical Society; which advertisements, in the opinion of the Convention, are derogatory to its character, and calculated to impose on the public, matter therein stated being grossly incorrect; they therefore think proper to make the following statement of their proceedings relative to said Lee's nostrum, at their annual Convention in October last:

"The proprietor of the said nostrum, having contravened a bye-law of said Society in vending his pills, was summoned to answer before the Convention, for a breach of its laws. He appeared, and

in obedience to a bye-law of the Convention, disclosed, on oath, the ingredients of his composition, and by that means avoided expulsion.

"That the Convention ever solicited the proprietor to reveal the secret, or approbated the composition, after he had disclosed the same, is not true; but it is the opinion of the Convention that an indiscriminate use of said pills is not advisable—that in many of the cases in which they are recommended, they are inefficacious, and in others injurious; and as almost one-seventh part of their composition is mercury and as the pill contains also some other very active ingredients, the judgment of a discreet physician is as necessary to determine the expediency of their exhibition as almost any other medicine in use; instances having occurred, within the knowledge of some of the members of the Convention, where the use of them has occasioned salivation."

The several printers who have given a place to those advertisements, in their papers, are requested to publish this notification.

The following members were appointed Examining Committees in their respective counties:

Hartford County—Doctors Leonard Bacon, John Bestor, Eli Todd.

New Haven County—Doctors Joseph Foot, Thomas Goodsell, Eli Ives.

New London County—Doctors Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Thomas Coit, Jr.

Fairfield County—Doctors Bennett Perry, Gideon Shepard, Joseph Trowbridge.

Windham County—Doctors Siah Fuller, Thaddeus Clark, Joseph Palmer.

Litchfield County—Doctors Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington.

Middlesex County—Doctors Elisha Mather, Smith Clark, Levi Ward.

Tolland County—Doctors Nathan Howard, Ruggles Carpenter, John S. Peters.

Whereas, Certain inconveniences have, and continually are arising, from the Secretary not having been sworn into office, therefore, *Voted*, That the Secretary be required to take an oath to perform faithfully the duties of said office. The following oath was directed as a form: "You, A. B., being chosen Secretary to the

Connecticut Medical Society, do swear that you will record all votes of Convention, and give true copies of the same, when thereto requested; and faithfully to perform all the duties relating to said office, so help you God."

Ordained by this Convention, That if any member of this Society shall make and vend any nostrum, after the first day of January next, and being thereof convicted, shall be expelled from the Society, any former bye-law of this Convention to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Convention, That the Treasurer be directed forthwith to call on the several County Clerks, for their returns, and payment of all arrearages of taxes, and all examining committees, for fees for licensing candidates; and that the several County Clerks be directed to enforce their collections according to law.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on the respective members of the Medical Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to make payment of the debentures presented this day by Mr. Gideons from the estate of Doctor James Potter, as soon as money to the amount can be collected into the Treasury.

Voted, That the auditors of the Treasurer's accounts appointed last October be continued.

Voted, To adjourn this Convention to the first Wednesday following the second Thursday in October next, then to meet at Mr. A. Morgan's in New Haven.

Test, JOHN BARKER, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 1806.

At a Convention of the Medical Society for the State of Connecticut at New Haven, October 15 and 16, 1806.

Dr. Jeremiah West chosen *President;* Dr. John R. Watrous, *Vice-President;* Dr. William B. Hall, *Treasurer;* Dr. John Barker, *Secretary* and *Treasurer, pro tem.*

The following gentlemen to represent the respective counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Doctors Timothy Hall, Simeon Field, Leonard Bacon, John Bestor, Howard Alden.

New Haven County—Abraham Tomlinson, Joseph Foot, Thomas Goodsell, John Barker (Treasurer, *pro tem.*), Eli Ives.

New London County—Simeon Wolcott, Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Thomas Coit, Jr., Samuel H. P. Lee.

Fairfield County—Joseph Trowbridge, Bennet Perry, William Shelton, Benjamin Curtiss, William Beard.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Gideon Woodruff, Benjamin Welch, Frederick Plumb.

Windham County—Jonathan Hall, Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Morse, Darius Hutchins, Joseph Palmer, Jr.

Middlesex County—William B. Hall, Smith Clark, Levi Ward.

Tolland County—John S. Peters, Ruggles Carpenter, Nathan Howard.

The following gentlemen were appointed Examining Committees in their respective counties, viz.: Doctors Leonard Bacon, John Bestor, and Timothy Hall for the County of *Hartford.*

Doctors Joseph Foot, Thomas Goodsell, and Eli Ives for *New Haven County.*

Doctors Simeon Wolcott, Thomas Coit, Jr., and John O. Miner for *New London County.*

Doctors Gideon Shepard, Joseph Trowbridge, and Bennet Perry for *Fairfield County.*

Doctors Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, and Jesse Carrington for *Litchfield County.*

Doctors Thomas Morse, Darius Hutchins, and Joseph Palmer for *Windham County.*

Doctors Richard Eli, Levi Ward and William B. Hall for *Middlesex County.*

Doctors Nathan Howard, Ruggles Carpenter, and John S. Peters for *Tolland County.*

A letter from Dr. F. L. Hitchcock, stating the loss of his certificate of membership, and requesting a new one free from expense, was read and granted.

A petition from Fairfield County meeting, signed by their chairman, was laid before the Convention, stating a number of defects in the Constitution, and pointing to inconveniences, in putting in operation the Acts and Bye-Laws of the Society, whereupon it was *Voted* and *Resolved*:

1st. That Doctors John Bestor, John Barker, John R. Watrous, Joseph Trowbridge, Thomas Hubbard, Jesse Carrington, Richard Ely, and Jeremiah West, be a committee to examine the Acts and Bye-Laws of the Medical Society, and point out the defects, if any; and what is the best mode of remedying them, and report to the next adjourned convention.

Resolved further, That each of the committee appointed to receive the Incorporating Acts and Bye-Laws of the Medical Society, be directed to confer with some eminent law character in his neighborhood, and adopt a new system in whole or in part, and that they meet the day preceding the session of the adjourned convention, and out of their exhibits make a report to the convention if found expedient.

The report of the committee for publication was read and approved, and it was accordingly voted, that it be recommended to the several members of the Medical Society through the State, that they keep a commonplace book wherein they shall minute down the most prominent symptoms of disease (either at the bedside of their patients or at home after the duties of the day are over), the medicines prescribed and their effects, the object aimed at in the prescription, and whether the intention was answered by the operation of the medicine prescribed, with such other remarks on the case as shall occur to the prescriber, and that these be transmitted to the Secretary by the first day of October or of the month preceding any adjourned convention, to be had before the succeeding convention.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Benjamin Rush for his pamphlet presented at this

convention to them through their President, entitled an Enquiry into the functions of the Spleen, Liver, Pancreas, and Thyroid Gland.

Voted, That Doctors Smith, Clark, and Levi Ward be auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, and that they be particularly requested to call on him for that purpose before the next adjourned convention.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on the several members of the Medical Society, and that it be collected by the first day of May, 1807.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned to Hartford, at the house of Amos Ransom on the first Wednesday after the second Thursday in May next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Test, JOHN BARKER,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

SPECIAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

JANUARY 8 AND 9, 1807.

At a special Convention held at Hartford, at the house of Amos Ransom, on the 8th and 9th of January, 1807, for the purpose of choosing a President, in consequence of the death of their late President, Dr. West.

Members present were as follows, viz.:

County of *Hartford*, Timothy Hall, Simeon Field, Leonard Bacon, John Bestor, and Howard Alden. County of *New Haven*, John Barker. County of *New London*, John R. Watrous, as *Vice-President*. County of *Fairfield*, Benjamin Curtiss. County of *Windham*, none. County of *Litchfield*, none. County of *Middlesex*, Levi Ward. County of *Tolland*, John S. Peters, Ruggles Carpenter, and Nathan Howard.

On the question respecting the validity of certificates signed by our deceased President, after his decease, *Decided*, That they were not valid.

Doctor Timothy Hall was appointed *Treasurer*, *pro tempore*.

Doctor Ruggles Carpenter was appointed on the committee in the place of Doctor West, deceased, to consider what alterations are best to be made in the Constitution and Bye-Laws of this Society.

Doctor John R. Watrous was chosen *President*, Doctor Mason F. Cogswell *Vice-President*.

Voted, That the Fellows of this Society go into mourning for a month from this day, by wearing a scarf on the left arm, in memory of their late worthy President, Doctor Jeremiah West.

Voted, That Doctors Nathan Howard and Ruggles Carpenter, be a committee to wait on Mrs. West, the widow of our late worthy President, and his family, for the purpose of expressing our high sense of the loss this Society has sustained in his death, and our sincere condolence with her and the family on this melancholy occasion.

Test, JOHN BARKER,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 20 AND 21, 1807.

At a Convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society, held by adjournment at the house of Amos Ransom, in Hartford, on 20th and 21st of May, 1807.

The following members were present, viz.:

Doctor JOHN R. WATROUS as *President*, Doctor MASON F. COGSWELL as *Vice-President*.

Hartford County—Doctors Leonard Bacon, Simeon Field, Timothy Hall.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, Thomas Goodsell, John Barker, Eli Ives.

New London County—Samuel H. P. Lee.

Fairfield County—Joseph Trowbridge, Benjamin Curtiss.

Litchfield County—Benjamin Welch.

Windham County—Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Palmer, Darius Hutchins, Thomas Morse.

Middlesex County—William B. Hall, Smith Clark, Levi Ward.

Tolland County—John S. Peters, Ruggles Carpenter, Nathan Howard.

The report of the committee appointed at the Convention in October, 1806, for the purpose of examining the acts of the Legislature concerning the Medical Society, and Bye-Laws of the Society, to point out the defects, etc., was made and accepted.

A committee was appointed consisting of Doctors Peters, Goodsell, Cogswell, and Curtiss, to present a petition conformable to the report of the committee of amendments appointed in October last.

A letter was presented from a committee of the corporation of Yale College, upon the subject of establishing a Medical Institution in that College. The President of the Medical Society was desired to answer the letter, and a committee was appointed, viz.: Doctors Watrous, Cogswell, Barker, Eli Ives, and Joseph Foot, to confer with the committee of the corporation, at the next commencement, upon the subject contemplated in their letter.

Voted, That the three prize questions prepared for discussion in October, 1807, with the addition of "The influenza, its symptoms and best mode of treating it," be continued as subjects for discussion at the next convention. Adjourned to meet at Asa Morgan's, in New Haven, first Wednesday after second Thursday in October next, 10 o'clock in morning.

Test, JOHN BARKER, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1807.

At an annual meeting of the Convention of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden in New Haven at the house of Asa Morgan, October 14th and 15th, 1807.

Doctor JOHN R. WATROUS chosen *President;* Doctor JOHN BARKER, *Secretary;* Doctor WILLIAM B. HALL, *Treasurer.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows for the year ensuing, viz.:

Hartford County—*Doctors Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; *John Bestor, Symsbury; *Abner Moseley, Wethersfield; *George Griswold, Wethersfield.

New Haven County—John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Thomas Goodsell, Woodbridge; David Mervin, Guilford.

New London County—John R. Watrous, Colchester; *John O. Miner, Groton; *Avery Downer, Preston; *Samuel H. P. Lee, New London.

Fairfield County—*Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; *William Shelton, Huntington; *Hosea Hurlbut, Greenfield; Benjamin Curtiss, Newtown; *William Beard, Reading.

Litchfield County—*Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; *Samuel Woodward, Torrington; *Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; *Warren Fowler, Washington.

Windham County—*Thaddeus Hubbard, Pomfret; *Joseph Palmer, Jr., Ashford; *Thomas Morse, Woodstock; *Siah Fuller, *Darius Hutchins, Pomfret.

Middlesex County—*Christopher Holmes, East Haddam; *Smith Clark, Haddam; *William B. Hall, Middletown.

Tolland County—*Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; *John S. Peters, Hebron; *Ebenezer Hunt, Coventry.

The following gentlemen are appointed examining committees in their respective counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Drs. Timothy Hall, East Hartford; Abner Moseley, Wethersfield; Horace Read, Glastonbury.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Thos. Goodsell, Woodbridge.

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New London County—Avery Downer, Preston; John O. Miner, Groton; Thos. Coit, Jun., New London.

Fairfield County—Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; Gideon Shepard, Newtown; Bennet Perry, Newtown.

Litchfield County—Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Samuel Woodward, Torrington; Warren R. Fowler, Washington.

Windham County—Darius Hutchins, Pomfret; Joseph Palmer, Ashford; Thomas Morse, Woodstock.

Middlesex County—Wm. B. Hall, Middletown; Smith Clark, Haddam; Isaac Smith, Chatham.

Tolland County—Nathan Howard, Coventry; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; Ebenezer Hunt, Coventry.

CLERKS OF THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES.

Dr. Timothy Hall, Hartford, *Hartford County;* Dr. Elias Shipman, Jr., New Haven, *New Haven County;* Dr. Thomas Coit, Jr., New London, *New London County;* Dr. Gideon Beardsley, Huntington, *Fairfield County;* Dr. Warren R. Fowler, Washington, *Litchfield County;* Dr. Thos. Morse, Woodstock, *Windham County;* Dr. Isaac Smith, Chatham, *Middlesex County;* Dr. Ebenezer Hunt, Coventry, *Tolland County.*

A committee consisting of the following members was appointed to prosecute all breaches of the bye-laws, viz.: Drs. John Bestor, John Barker, Avery Downer, Hosea Hurlbut, Siah Fuller, Samuel Woodward, Smith Clark, and Ruggles Carpenter.

Voted, That Drs. Thos. Goodsell, Timothy Hall, and Joseph Foot, be a committee to enquire into the constitutionality of choosing officers of the Medical Society at a special convention, and report to this convention.

Voted, That Drs. John Barker, Eli Ives, Thos. Goodsell, Joseph Foot, and Timothy Hall, be a committee to confer with the committee from the corporation of Yale College, to make and receive propositions for forming a union with said College, and report to this convention.

Voted, That Dr. Carpenter be added to the board of Auditors, to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report to this convention.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee from Yale College, reported in favor of a union with that University, which report was accepted by the convention.

The committee appointed to enquire whether it would be constitutional to choose officers of the Medical Society at an adjourned convention, reported that it would not be constitutional.

Voted, That in future all expenses for advertisements for county meetings, and postage of letters and packages, which arise, in the respective counties, in consequence of a correspondence between the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society, and the clerks of the respective counties, be allowed by the Treasurer.

(Repealed Oct., 1816.)

Voted, That Drs. George Griswold, Thos. Goodsell, Avery Downer, Benjamin Curtiss, Benjamin Welch, Christopher Holmes, and John S. Peters be a committee to liquidate the accounts between the Treasurer and the respective clerks of the counties.

Voted, That the petition now pending before the General Assembly, in behalf of the Medical Society, be withdrawn, and that the Secretary of the Society be desired to see that it be effected.

The committee appointed county-ways, to take into consideration a variety of claims from county clerks against the treasury, for advertising, for the collection of taxes, warning county meetings, and for postage on letters and packages, reported against the allowance of such claims.

Voted, That Drs. Timothy Hall, John Barker, John R. Watrous, Wm. Shelton, Siah Fuller, Nathaniel Perry, Smith Clark, and John S. Peters be a committee, in conjunction with the committee from Yale College, for the purpose of forming a constitution to answer the purposes proposed with the Medical Institution about to be established in said College, and report to the next convention.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Dr. Joseph Trowbridge of Danbury.

The Treasurer's accounts were stated to the convention, and the report was accepted.

Voted, That Drs. Smith Clark and Isaac Smith be auditors of the Treasurer's accounts the year ensuing.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society, to be collected by the first of May next.

Voted, That this convention be adjourned to Hartford, at the house of Amos Ransom, 10 o'clock A. M., on the first Wednesday after the second Thursday in May next.

Test, JNO. BARKER, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION AT HARTFORD,

MAY 18 AND 19, 1808.

At an adjourned convention held at Hartford, on the 18th and 19th of May, 1808, at the house of Amos Ransom.

Present, the following members, viz.:

Dr. Jno. R. Watrous, *President;* Dr. Mason F. Cogswell, *Vice-President.*

Hartford County—Timothy Hall, George Griswold.

New Haven County—John Barker, *Secretary;* Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Thomas Goodsell, David Mervin.

New London County—John O. Miner.

Fairfield County—Benjamin Curtiss.

Litchfield County—Samuel Woodward, Benjamin Welch, Warren R. Fowler.

Windham County—Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Palmer, Jun., Thomas Morse, Siah Fuller, Darius Hutchins.

Middlesex County—William B. Hall, *Treasurer.*

Tolland County—Ruggles Carpenter, John S. Peters.

The report of the committee appointed in October last, to draw Articles of a Union with the Medical Institution about to be established in Yale College, was read and taken into consideration; some few emendations were made, and it was then approved with the amendments by the convention.

Drs. Fowler, Fuller, and Goodsell were appointed to make out the debenture bill.

Voted, That a copy of the Articles of Union with Yale College be transmitted by the Secretary of the convention to the clerk of each county, and they be required to give public notice in their respective counties to the members of the Medical Society, warning them to meet to take the same into consideration, and their approbation or disapprobation be reported to the next convention.

A committee was appointed consisting of Drs. Welch, Timothy Hall, and William B. Hall to settle the claims of the executors of Dr. James Potter, deceased, against the Medical Society, upon the best terms they can.

Voted, That the next convention meet at the house of John Clark in New Haven, on the first Wednesday after the second Thursday in October next, 10 o'clock a. m.

Test, JOHN BARKER, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 19 AND 20, 1808.

At a convention of the Medical Society held at New Haven, October 19 and 20, 1808: The following gentlemen were chosen officers the ensuing year, viz.:

Dr. John R. Watrous, *President;* Dr. Mason F. Cogswell, *Vice-President;* Dr. John Barker, *Secretary;* Dr. Timothy Hall, *Treasurer.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows of the Medical Society, viz.:

Hartford County—Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Timothy Hall, John Bestor, Simeon Field, George Griswold.

New Haven County—Drs. John Barker, Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Abraham Tomlinson, David Marvin.

New London County—Drs. Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Samuel Mather, *Thos. Coit, Jun., Samuel H. P. Lee.

Litchfield County—Drs. Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler, Benjamin Welch.

Windham County—Drs. *Thomas Hubbard, *Siah Fuller, Darius Hutchins, *Joseph Palmer, Jun., *Thomas Morse.

Fairfield County—Drs. Bennet Perry, *Gideon Shepard, *William Shelton, Benjamin Curtis, Gideon Beardsley.

Middlesex County—Drs. Wm. B. Hall, Richard Ely, Smith Clark.

Tolland County—Drs. Ruggles Carpenter, John S. Peters, *Ebenezer McCray.

The following gentlemen were chosen in their respective counties for the examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery, viz.:

Drs. Timothy Hall, George Griswold, and Elijah F. Reed for the County of *Hartford.*

Drs. Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, and Thomas Goodsell for the County of *New Haven.*

Drs. Thomas Coit, Jun., John O. Miner, and Samuel H. P. Lee for the County of *New London.*

Drs. Darius Hutchins, Joseph Palmer, Jun., and Thomas Morse, for the county of *Windham.*

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* Denotes absence from Convention.

Drs. Bennet Perry, Gideon Shepard, and Joseph Trowbridge, for the county of *Fairfield.*

Drs. Samuel Woodward, Jesse Carrington, and Warren R. Fowler, for the county of *Litchfield.*

Drs. William B. Hall, Smith Clark, and Richard Ely, for the county of *Middlesex.*

Drs. John S. Peters, Samuel Willard, and John Howard, for the county of *Tolland.*

Voted, The Articles of a Union of the Medical Society with the Medical Institution, about to be established in Yale College, lay open for discussion.

Voted, That Drs. Eli Ives, Samuel Woodward, and John Bestor, be a committee to confer with the committee of the corporation of Yale College, upon the Articles of a Union, as amended, and other matters they may think proper, and report to the convention.

Voted, That the Articles of Union with the Medical Institution about to be established in Yale College, as amended by this convention, be adopted; and that a copy of them, certified by the Secretary of the convention, be transmitted by him to the corporation of Yale College.

Voted, That Dr. Welch and Dr. Marvin be a committee to make out the debenture bill.

The Treasurer of the Society was called upon to make a statement of the situation of the Treasury Department, and upon hearing the statement, *Voted,* That Drs. Simeon Field, Ruggles Carpenter, and John Bestor, be Auditors to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report to the next convention, and that any two of them shall be deemed competent for the purpose.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Medical Society be empowered to borrow the sum of one hundred dollars, to satisfy the claims of the heirs of Dr. James Potter, deceased, against the Society.

Voted, That the Auditors appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts be allowed the same for their attendance on that business as is allowed to the members of the convention.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on each member of the Medical Society, for the ensuing year, payable by the first day of January, next.

Voted, That the following Prize Questions be considered as open for discussion, viz.:

1st. Scirrhus, its nature, etc. (as stated in the Report of the Society, October, 1798).

2d. Phthisis Pulmonalis, its causes and effects, the best method of prevention and cure, illustrated by histories of cases, treated under the system supported by the author.

The reward annexed to the best dissertation on the foregoing questions, is "that they shall be published in pamphlets sufficient to furnish each member of the Medical Society in the State with one, and fifty copies for the successful author, at the expense, and under the superintendence of Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee of New London, as a compliment from said Lee (who has pledged himself to this convention for the fulfillment of the same) for the encouragement of medical researches.

The mode of transmitting pieces shall be under sealed covers directed to the next convention, as usual. Open to writers in any of the United States.

Voted, That this convention be adjourned to this place, on the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October next, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Attest, JOHN BARKER, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 18 AND 19, 1809.

At a Convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven, October 18th and 19th, 1809,

The following gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Dr. JOHN R. WATROUS, *President;* Dr. MASON F. COGSWELL, *Vice-President;* Dr. JOHN BARKER, *Secretary;* Dr. TIMOTHY HALL, *Treasurer.*

The members returned as chosen Fellows from the different Counties, were:

Hartford County—Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; *John Bestor, Symsbury; Simeon Field, Enfield; J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford.

New Haven County—Drs. Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Thomas Goodsell, New Haven.

New London County—Drs. Samuel Mather, Lyme; * Avery Downer, Preston; * Thomas Coit, Jun., New London; * Samuel H. P. Lee, New London; * John O. Miner, Groton.

Litchfield County—Drs. Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; Warren R. Fowler, Washington; * Elijah Lyman, Torrington; * Samuel Buel, Litchfield.

Fairfield County—Drs. Eli Perry, Brookfield; * Gideon Shepherd, Newtown; Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury; * Bennet Perry, Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington.

Windham County—Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Pomfret; * Joseph Palmer, Jr., Ashford; * Thomas Morse, Woodstock; * Robert Grosvenor, Killingly; Andrew Harris, Canterbury.

Middlesex County—Drs. * Richard Ely, Jr., Saybrook; Smith Clark, Haddam; John Richmond, Chatham.

Tolland County—Drs. * Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; Nathan Howard, Coventry; John S. Peters, Hebron.

N. B. The gentlemen with this mark * prefixed to their names, were absent from convention.

The Treasurer's accounts were exhibited and approved.

The agent for the Executors of Dr. William B. Hall, deceased (the late Treasurer), sent Dr. Hall's account to the convention, upon the exhibition of which, Drs. Timothy Hall, J. H. Sparhawk, and Smith Clark, were appointed a committee to repair to Middletown, and adjust the same with the Executors.

Voted, That Dr. Timothy Hall be directed to commence suits, if he finds it necessary, in the settlement of the late Treasurer's accounts with the County Clerks and Examining Committees.

Voted, That Drs. John Barker and Thomas Hubbard be a committee to wait on his Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, to ascertain if anything and what was done, by the corporation, respecting the Articles of Union with the Medical Institution in Yale College, transmitted by the Secretary of convention, and report to this convention.

This committee reported that through some neglect or inadvertence, they were not laid before the corporation.

A committee to examine candidates and to recommend suitable persons upon whom to confer the honor of a Degree of Doctor of Medicine, was appointed, consisting of Drs. John R. Watrous, Abraham Tomlinson, Samuel Mather, Joseph Trowbridge, and Thomas Hubbard.

The following gentlemen were appointed Examining Committee, in their respective Counties:

Hartford County—Drs. Timothy Hall, East Hartford; Abner Mosely, Wethersfield; J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford.

New Haven County—Drs. Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Thomas Goodsell, New Haven.

New London County—Drs. John O. Miner, Groton; Thomas Coit, Jr., New London; Samuel H. P. Lee, New London.

Fairfield County—Drs. Gideon Shepherd, Newtown; Bennet Perry, Newtown; Joseph Trowbridge, Danbury.

Windham County—Drs. Darius Hutchins, Pomfret; Thomas Morse, Woodstock; Andrew Harris, Canterbury.

Litchfield County—Drs. Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Warren R. Fowler, Washington.

Middlesex County—Drs. Richard Ely, Saybrook; Smith Clark, Haddam; John Richmond, Chatham.

Tolland County—Drs. John S. Peters, Hebron; Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington; John Howard, Coventry.

The Clerks in the respective Counties, are: Dr. J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford, *Hartford County.* Dr. Elias Shipman, New Haven, *New Haven County.* Dr. Thomas Coit, Jun., New London, *New London County.* Dr. Gideon Beardsley, Huntington, *Fairfield County.* Dr. Thomas Morse, Woodstock, *Windham County.* Dr. Samuel Buel, Litchfield, *Litchfield County.* Dr. Samuel Carter, Saybrook, *Middlesex County.* Dr. John S. Peters, Hebron, *Tolland County.*

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to the editor of the *Connecticut Register,* the names of the officers of the Connecticut Medical Society, Fellows, and Examining Committees, and their places of residence.

Voted, That Dr. Eli Ives and John Barker be a Committee to settle all accounts with Doctors William Beard and Wyllis Edson, as Clerks of Fairfield County.

Voted, That Dr. Barker and Dr. Goodsell be a Committee to wait on Mr. Silliman and request him to lay before the Corporation in September, 1810, the Articles of Union, as amended by the Convention, and adopted last fall.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed consisting of Drs. Barker, Foot, Eli Ives, and Thomas Goodsell, to select and publish something out of what communications are now in the hands of the Secretary, together with what may be communicated, between this time and the first of next September, and that a publication shall be made, before the next convention, at the expense of the Society.

Voted, That the Clerks of the several counties, and also the several examining committees, be requested to forward all the dissertations and communications which have been made to the several county meetings, by the members, or which have been exhibited by candidates for examination, to the secretary as soon as may be, free of expense of postage.

Voted, That the President be requested to take receipts of the Treasurer, for blank certificates, which he may sign and deliver to said Treasurer, and lodge said receipts with the Secretary.

Voted, That the Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on the following gentlemen, viz.: Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Levi Ives, Eli Perry, Gideon Shepherd, Thomas Hubbard, and Samuel Woodward.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the medical society, payable the first of January, 1810.

Adjourned this convention to New Haven, the first Wednesday after second Thursday in October.

Test, JNO. BARKER, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 17 AND 18, 1810.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven, October 17 and 18, 1810.

The following gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Dr. John R. Watrous, *President;* Dr. Mason F. Cogswell, *Vice-President;* Dr. Eli Ives, *Secretary;* Dr. Timothy Hall, *Treasurer.*

The following members were returned as Fellows from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; *Simeon Field, Enfield; Howard Alden, Suffield; J. W. Sparhawk, Hartford.

New Haven County—Drs. Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; Bela Farnham, East Haven; *Thomas Goodsell, New Haven.

New London County—Drs. Samuel Mather, Lyme; John O. Miner, Groton; Avery Downer, Preston; Thomas Coit, Jr., New London; Samuel H. P. Lee, New London.

Litchfield County—Drs. Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Warren R. Fowler, Washington; Benjamin Welch, Norfolk; Samuel Buel, Litchfield.

Fairfield County—Drs. Bennet Perry, Newtown; Benjamin Curtiss, Jr., Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington; Noah A. Lacy, Brookfield; *Gideon Shepherd, Newtown.

Windham County—Drs. Darius Hutchins, Pomfret; Andrew Harris, Canterbury; Rufus Johnson, Canterbury; Erastus Robinson, Brooklyn; Daniel Lyman, Woodstock.

Middlesex County—Drs. Richard Ely, Jr., Saybrook; *Smith Clark, Haddam; Samuel Carter, Saybrook.

Tolland County—Drs. Samuel Willard, Stafford; John S. Peters, Hebron; Eleazer McCray, Bolton.

The Treasurer's accounts were exhibited and approved.

A Committee was appointed, at the request of Dr. Cogswell, to

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This mark * denotes absence.

examine Dr. North's work on spotted fever, consisting of Drs. J. H. Sparhawk, Nathaniel Perry, Benjamin Welch, Timothy Hall.

The Committee reported favorably of the work, and thought it worthy of publication.

The Committee of publication presented the first number of the communications of the Medical Society as their report, which was accepted.

Voted, That two hundred of the pamphlets be reserved for the use of the society, and one hundred put into the hands of the booksellers for sale.

Voted, That the Clerks of the several counties shall receive as many pamphlets as there are taxable members in their respective counties, and distribute them accordingly.

The following gentlemen were appointed examining committee in their respective counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Drs. John Bestor, Simsbury; J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford; Elijah F. Reed, East Windsor.

New Haven County—Drs. Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Thomas Goodsell, New Haven.

New London County—Drs. John O. Miner, Groton; Thomas Coit, Jr., New London; S. H. P. Lee, New London.

Fairfield County—Drs. Gideon Shepherd, Newtown; Bennet Perry, Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington.

Windham County—Drs. Darius Hutchins, Pomfret; Joseph Palmer, Jr., Ashford; Andrew Harris, Canterbury.

Litchfield County—Drs. Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Warren R. Fowler, Washington.

Middlesex County—Drs. Richard Ely, Jr., Saybrook; Smith Clark, Haddam; Austin Alcott, Killingworth.

Tolland County—Drs. John S. Peters, Hebron; Daniel Peck, Hartford; Eleazer McCray, Bolton.

Clerks of the several counties, are:

J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford, *Hartford County;* Elias Shipman, New Haven, *New Haven County;* Thomas Coit, Jr., New London, *New London County;* Gideon Beardsley, Huntington, *Fairfield County;* Thomas Morse, Woodstock, *Windham County;* Samuel Buel, Litchfield, *Litchfield County;* Samuel Carter, Saybrook, *Middlesex County;* John S. Peters, Hebron, *Tolland County.*

Voted, That Dr. Ruggles Carpenter be collector of the taxes

against the members of the Medical Society, in the county of Tolland, which were in the hands of Dr. Hunt, at his decease.

Voted, That the alteration recommended by the corporation of Yale College, in the Articles of Union, as stated upon a memorandum, signed by David Ely, Scribe, and referring to the eighth line of the third page of said Articles be, and the same is hereby ordered to be a part of said Articles as amended.

Voted, That Drs. John R. Watrous, Mason F. Cogswell, and Eli Ives, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Corporation of Yale College respecting the Union of the Medical Society of this State with the corporation of said College respecting the manner to be pursued to accomplish said union, and that they be empowered to take such measures as they may judge expedient to bring the matter before the legislature for an act of incorporation.

Voted, That Thos. Coit, Jr., Timothy Hall, and Benjamin Curtiss, Jr., be a committee to examine the acts between the Treasury of the society and Drs. Beard and Edson. The committee reported a balance due the Treasury of $4.68½.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to receive and select communications for publication.

Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, J. H. Sparhawk, John Bestor, and Timothy Hall, were appointed for that purpose.

Drs. J. R. Watrous, J. Foot, A. Tomlinson, Samuel Mather, and T. Hubbard, were appointed a committee to recommend candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That J. R. Watrous, M. F. Cogswell, and Eli Ives, be a committee of nomination to confer with a like committee of the corporation of Yale College, for the purpose of making a nomination, from which the professors of the Medical Institution are to be chosen.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the society.

Adjourned this Convention to meet at New Haven the first Wednesday after the second Thursday in October.

Test, ELI IVES, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 16 AND 17, 1811.

At a Convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven, October 16 and 17, 1811, were chosen the following officers:

Drs. John R. Watrous, *President;* Mason F. Cogswell, *Vice-President;* Eli Ives, *Secretary;* Timothy Hall, *Treasurer.*

Fellows from the several counties:

Hartford County—Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; Timothy Hall, East Hartford; John Bestor, Simsbury; *Jonathan H. Sparhawk, Hartford; *Simeon Field, Enfield.

New Haven County—Abraham Tomlinson, Milford; John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Obediah Hotchkiss, New Haven.

New London County—Avery Downer, Preston; *John O. Miner, Groton; Thomas Coit, New London; Samuel H. P. Lee, New London; Thomas Miner, Lyme.

Fairfield County—*William Shelton, Huntington; Benjamin Curtis, Jr., Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington; Daniel Comstock, Danbury; Bennett Perry, Newtown.

Windham County—Thomas Hubbard, Pomfret; *Joseph Palmer, Jr., Ashford; *Darius Hutchins, Pomfret; *Siah Fuller, Plainfield; *Andrew Harris, Canterbury.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Timothy Clark, Harrington; Elijah Lyman, Torrington; Samuel Buel, Litchfield.

Middlesex County—*Richard Ely, Saybrook; Smith Clark, Haddam; *Christopher Holmes, East Haddam.

Tolland County—Nathan Howard, Coventry; John S. Peters, Hebron; Daniel Peck, Stafford.

The Treasurer made his report concerning the state of the Treasury, which was accepted.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Hartford County—Drs. John Bestor, J. H. Sparhawk, Elijah R. Read.

New Haven County—Drs. Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Anson Foot.

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* Denotes absence from Convention.

New London County—Doctors John O. Miner, Thomas Coit, Samuel H. P. Lee.

Fairfield County—Doctors Gideon Shepherd, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy.

Windham County—Doctors Darius Hutchins, Joseph Palmer, Andrew Harris.

Litchfield County—Doctors Nathaniel Perry, W. R. Fowler, Jesse Carrington.

Middlesex County—Doctors Richard Ely, Austin Olcott, Samuel Carter.

Tolland County—Doctors Ebenezer McCray, Scotaway Hinckley, John Howard.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee of nomination: Doctors John R. Watrous, M. F. Cogswell, Joseph Foot, Obediah Hotchkiss.

Voted, That the Articles of Union between the Medical Society and Yale College be printed, and compose a part of the journal of the Society.

Voted, That Doctors Lee, Curtiss, and Peters be a committee to make up the debenture bill.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Society, collectible the first of January next.

Treasurer's extra bill of $5.00 accepted.

Doctor Bestor's bill of $3.35 for auditing the acts of the former Treasurer allowed.

Voted, That each Fellow of the Medical Society shall be allowed and paid $1.34 per day for attendance, and 12½ cents per mile for travel to convention, any bye-law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Committee of Publication, viz.: Drs. M. F. Cogswell, John Bestor, Timothy Hall, and J. H. Sparhawk were reappointed for the present year.

Drs. John Barker, Gideon Shepherd, Samuel Buel, Samuel H. P. Lee, John C. Peters, and Richard Ely were appointed a committee for the purpose of forwarding pieces intended for publication to the committee of publication.

Voted, That the respective gentlemen appointed in the different counties to forward dissertations to the committee of publication, be desired to request one printer in their respective counties to publish from the New Haven paper the outlines of the doings of this convention.

Voted, That in future no candidate for examination for a license to practice physic and surgery shall be examined in any county in this State, unless he shall have read at least one year within the county where such an examination is had.

Doctor Samuel Clark's bill, $11, allowed.

Voted, That whereas, Mr. Sylvanus Fancher having practiced the business of vaccination in many towns in this State with skill and ability; this convention, from a knowledge of his performance and considering his cheap and skillful method of communicating the disease, do recommend the said Fancher to the notice of the public as a gentleman deserving employment in the business of his profession.

Doctors A. Tomlinson, T. Hubbard, M. F. Cogswell, the committee for recommending candidates for honorary degrees, reported the name of Eli Ives. The report was accepted.

Voted, That the Secretary cause to be made an impression of some blanks for honorary degrees.

Adjourned the convention to meet at New Haven the first Wednesday after the second Thursday in October next.

Attest, ELI IVES, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1812.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut held at New Haven October 14 and 15, 1812.

The following is a list of officers, delegates, and examining committees:

(Doctor J. R. Watrous was appointed President, but declined to accept the office.)

MASON F. COGSWELL, *President;* JOHN BARKER, *Vice-President;* TIMOTHY HALL, *Treasurer;* ELI IVES, *Secretary.*

FELLOWS.

Hartford County—Mason F. Cogswell, Hartford; John Bestor, Simsbury; J. H. Sparhawk, Hartford; Nathan Strong, Jr., Hartford; Timothy Hall, East Hartford.

New Haven County—John Barker, New Haven; Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Elias Shipman, Jr., New Haven; Pearl Croft, Derby.

New London County—John O. Miner, Groton, Avery Downer, Preston; Thomas Coit, New London; Samuel H. P. Lee, New London; Thomas Miner, Lyme.

Fairfield County—Daniel Comstock, Danbury; Benjamin Curtis, Jr., Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington; Noah A. Lacy, Brookfield; Bennett Perry, Newtown.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Timothy Clark, Harrington; Elijah Lyman, Torrington; Warren R. Fowler, Washington.

Windham County—Thomas Hubbard, Pomfret; Siah Fuller, Plainfield; Rufus Johnson, Canterbury; Andrew Harris, Canterbury; Daniel Lyman, Woodstock.

Middlesex County—Richard Ely, Jr., Saybrook; Smith Clark, Haddam; Samuel Carter, Saybrook.

Tolland County—John S. Peters, Hebron; Daniel Peck, Stafford; Rodolphus Ladd, Stafford.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Hartford County—John Bestor, Horace Reed, Nathan Strong, Jr.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, North Haven; Eli Ives, New Haven; Anson Foot, Guilford.

New London County—John O. Miner, Groton; Avery Downer, Preston; Samuel H. P. Lee, New London.

Fairfield County—Gideon Shepherd, Newtown; Gideon Beardsley, Huntington; Noah A. Lacy, Brookfield.

Windham County—Joseph Palmer, Jr., Ashford; Andrew Harris, Canterbury; Daniel Lyman, Woodstock.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Woodbury; Jesse Carrington, Colebrook; Warren R. Fowler, Washington.

Middlesex County—Smith Clark, Haddam; Austin Olcott, ——; Samuel Carter, Saybrook.

Tolland County—Eleazer McCray, Bolton; John Howard, Coventry; Eleazer Hunt.

COUNTY CLERKS.

J. H. Sparhawk, in Hartford, *Hartford County;* Elias Shipman, Jr, in New Haven, *New Haven County;* Samuel H. P. Lee, New London, *New London County;* Gideon Beardsley, in Huntington, *Fairfield County;* Darius Hutchins, in Pomfret, *Windham County;* Elijah Lyman, in Torrington, *Litchfield County;* Samuel Carter, in Saybrook, *Middlesex County;* John S. Peters, in Hebron, *Tolland County.*

B. Silliman, Esq., reported to the convention the progress of the Medical Institution in Yale College.

J. Barker, E. Ives, and J. Foot, were appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the corporation of Yale College on the subject of the Medical Institution.

A communication having been laid before the convention through Dr. J. R. Watrous by Dr. Nathaniel Dwight of Colchester, upon the subject of a hospital for lunatics in this State—from the consideration of the importance of the subject,—*Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Dwight for his communication.

Mason F. Cogswell, J. Barker, S. H. P. Lee, G. Beardsley, T. Hubbard, E. Lyman, R. Ely, and J. S. Peters were appointed a committee to collect information concerning the lunatics in their respective counties, and report to the next convention.

The committee of publication of last year reappointed, viz.: Mason F. Cogswell, John Bestor, Timothy Hall, and J. H. Sparhawk.

The committee for forwarding pieces intended for publication

to the committees of publication, were reappointed, viz.: John Barker, Gideon Shepard, Samuel Buel, Samuel H. P. Lee, John S. Peters, and Richard Ely.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Society.

The degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on John Barker and Timothy Hall.

Drs. Hubbard, Ely, and Smith Clark were appointed to take into consideration the Ill Effect of Ardent Spirits, and report to the next convention.

Voted, That this convention be adjourned to the County House in New Haven on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday in October next, 10 o'clock A. M.

Test, ELI IVES, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 20, 1813.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 20, 1813, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

MASON F. COGSWELL, *President;* TIMOTHY HALL, *Vice-President;* RICHARD ELY, *Treasurer;* JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary.*

Fellows, as returned from the counties:

Hartford County—Mason F. Cogswell, Timothy Hall, John Bestor, Eli Todd, Nathan Strong, 2d.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Pearl Crafts, Austin Foot, Elias Shipman, 2d.

New London County—Avery Downer, John O. Miner, *Thomas Coit, Thomas Miner, Samuel H. P. Lee.

Fairfield County—*Bennet Perry, Benjamin Curtis, 2d, *Daniel Comstock, Gideon Beardsley, Ansel Hoyt.

Windham County—*Penuel Hutchins, *Thomas Hubbard, *Rufus Johnson, Siah Fuller.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler. Elijah Lyman, Samuel Buel.

Middlesex County—*Richard Ely, John Richmond, Samuel Carter.

Tolland County—Samuel Willard, John S. Peters, Judah Bliss.

Voted, That the bye-law which requires three years study with a respectable physician be dispensed with as it respects Marvin Wait.

Voted, That Samuel Willard and Judah Bliss be appointed a committee to confer and settle all the accounts of the Society with Dr. Carpenter, and report to the Treasurer.

Voted, That Elijah Lyman, Siah Fuller, and John S. Peters be appointed a committee to confer and settle with the Treasurer.

Voted, To allow the account of Timothy Hall.

Voted, To appoint Timothy Hall Treasurer, *pro tempore.*

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*The asterisk denotes absence.

EXAMINING COUNTY COMMITTEES.

Hartford County—Sylvester Wells, Horace Reed, Nathan Strong, 2d.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, Anson Foot, Timothy P. Beers.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Warren R. Fowler, Jesse Carrington.

Tolland County—Samuel Willard, Allen Hyde, Rodolphus Ladd.

Windham County—Joseph Palmer, 2d, Andrew Harris, William Brewster.

New London County—Thomas Coit, Elisha North, George Tisdale.

Middlesex County—John Richmond, Austin Olcott, Samuel Carter.

Fairfield County—Gideon Shepherd, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy.

Voted, That Samuel Buel, Warren R. Fowler, and Gideon Beardsley be appointed a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That the credit on Mr. Cook's account be passed to the credit of Eli Ives on the Treasurer's books.

Voted, To accept the account of Mr. Cook, and the Treasurer is directed to pay it.

Voted, That John O. Miner, and Samuel H. P. Lee be appointed a committee to meet and confer with a committee of the Moral Society, and report to this convention.

Voted, That Timothy Hall, Joseph Foot, and Siah Fuller be appointed a joint committee of examination with the Professors of the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, That Nathan Strong, 2d, and Mason F. Cogswell be appointed a committee to draft an address to the public on the ill effects of a free use of ardent spirits.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the books of the Treasurer.

Voted, That Mason Cogswell, Joseph Foot, Samuel H. P. Lee, Gideon Beardsley, Thomas Hubbard, Elijah Lyman, Richard Ely, and John S. Peters be appointed to collect further information respecting lunatics.

Voted, That Warren R. Fowler be appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Voted, To adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock. Met according to adjournment.

Voted, To recommend Willoughby Say of New London County, Josiah Blackman, Charles Beardsley of Fairfield County, Elmore Everitt of Litchfield County, Jesse D. Wright of Middlesex County, Zina Winter and Abijah Ladd of Tolland County, as charity scholars to hear lectures in the Medical Institution of Yale College the ensuing year, gratis.

Voted, That Thomas Miner, Eli Ives, and Timothy Hall be appointed a committee to examine and recommend candidates for the degree of M.D.

Voted, That the degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Drs. Daniel Sheldon, Eli Todd, and Elisha North.

Voted, To allow Dr. Ives's account for advertisements for convention.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society of this State.

Voted, To adjourn this convention to the County House in New Haven, on the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October, 1814, 10 o'clock A. M.

Test, JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 19, 1814.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 19, A. D. 1814, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Mason F. Cogswell, *President;* Timothy Hall, *Vice-President;* Joseph Foot, *Secretary;* Richard Ely, *Treasurer.*

Fellows, as returned from the counties:

Hartford County—Nathan Strong, Jr., Mason F. Cogswell, Timothy Hall, Solomon Everest, Simeon Field, John Bestor.

New Haven County—Timothy P. Beers, Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Anson Foot, Pearl Craft, Bela Farnham.

New London County—Avery Downer, Elisha North, John O. Miner, Samuel H. P. Lee, George Tisdale.

Fairfield County—Gideon Shepherd, Gideon Beardsley, Daniel Comstock, Benjamin Curtis, Jr., Alfred H. Beets.

Windham County—Wm. A. Brewster, Thomas Hubbard, Penuel Hutchins, Joseph Palmer, Rufus Johnson, Darius Hutchins.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler, Elijah Lyman, Jehiel Williams.

Middlesex County—Richard Ely, Samuel Carter, John Richmond.

Tolland County—Nathan Howard, Rodolphus Ladd, Silas Fuller.

Voted, To appoint Joseph Foot, Thomas Hubbard, and Nathan Strong, Jr., a committee of examination with the professors of the Medical College.

Voted, To appoint the following persons examining committees:

Hartford County—Sylvester Wells, Nathan Strong, Jr., Jonathan H. Sparhawk. *Windham County*—Joseph Palmer, Jr., Andrus Harris, William A. Brewster. *Middlesex County*—Jesse Bigelow; Sylvester Buckley, William S. Pearson. *New London County*—Elisha North, George Tisdale, Thomas Coit. *Tolland County*—Nathan Howard, Samuel Willard, Allen Hyde. *Fairfield County*—Gideon Shepherd, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy. *New Haven*

County—Anson Foot, Timothy Beers, Pearl Craft. *Litchfield County*—Nathaniel Perry, Warren R. Fowler.

Voted, To accept the report of the Treasurer.

Voted, That Mason F. Cogswell, Thomas Hubbard, and Timothy Hall be appointed a committee to recommend for degrees of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Mason F. Cogswell be appointed to obtain information of the number of lunatics in this State, and the manner in which they are supported, by applying to the General Association.

Voted, That Nathan Strong, Jr., and Mason F. Cogswell be appointed a committee to draft immediately an address to the public through the medium of the Moral Society, on the Pernicious and Destructive Effects of a Free Use of Ardent Spirits.

Voted, That the debenture of Shadrach Mead be received as payment of his taxes, seven dollars and fifty cents.

Voted, That the ten dollars accruing to the Medical Society for a degree of M.D. be relinquished during the pleasure of the convention.

Voted, That a counterfeit bill of three dollars, passed to Doctor Peters by the Treasurer, *pro tempore*, of the last convention, be paid by the Treasurer.

Voted, That Eli Ives, Joseph Foot, and William Tully be appointed a committee to devise the best measures to produce uniformity in the preparation of medicines, and report to the next convention.

Voted, That the fees for attending Medical Convention be two dollars per day.

Voted, That Elijah Lyman and Pearl Craft be appointed a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, To adjourn this convention until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Oct. 20. *Met according to adjournment.*

Voted, That it is considered indispensable by the convention that every student that offers himself for examination, either for a license or degree, read a dissertation on some medical subject and deliver a copy to the examining committee.

Voted, To allow the account of the Treasurer.

Voted, To allow the account of the Secretary for advertising for convention.

Voted, To recommend as privileged students to attend lectures gratuitously at the Medical Institution of Yale College the

ensuing winter, Watson Cotton, Hartford County; Lyman Foot, New Haven County; Simeon Birge, Tolland County; Augustus Merwin, Fairfield County; Jonathan Stone, Litchfield County; James O. Pond, William A. Townsend, Archibald Welch, counties not known.

Voted, To relinquish the sum of ten dollars due the Medical Society, from James Cutter, James T. Smith, and Elijah Alexander.

Voted, That no debenture of more than seventeen years' standing shall be paid.

Voted, To tax each member one dollar and fifty cents.

Voted, To accept the report of the commitee for recommending for degree of M.D., Solomon Everest, Nathaniel Perry, John Bestor, Richard Ely, and Joseph Foot.

Voted To adjourn this convention to the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October, 1815, 10 o'clock A. M.

Test, JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 18, 1815.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 18, 1815, the following officers were chosen:

MASON F. COGSWELL, *President;* THOMAS HUBBARD, *Vice-President;* JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary;* RICHARD ELY, *Treasurer.*

Fellows, returned from the counties:

Hartford County—John Bestor, Solomon Everest, Simeon Field, Sylvester Wells.

New Haven County—Joseph Foot, Pearl Craft, Jonathan Knight, William Tully, Anson Foot.

New London County—John O. Minor, Thomas Coit, Elisha North, Avery Downer, George Tisdale.

Fairfield County—Benjamin Curtis, Daniel Comstock, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy, Alfred H. Betts.

Windham County—Penuel Hutchins, Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Palmer, Jr., Andrew Harris, Rufus Johnson.

Litchfield County—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler, Elijah Lyman, Jehiel Williams.

Middlesex County—Richard Ely, Samuel Carter, Thomas Miner.

Tolland County—Nathan Howard, John S. Peters, Daniel Peck.

Voted, That Joseph Foot, Thomas Hubbard, and Nathan Strong, Jr., be appointed a committee of examination with the professors of the Medical College.

Voted, That the following persons be appointed committee of examination for the counties.

Hartford County—Sylvester Wells, Nathan Strong, Jr., Jonathan H. Sparhawk. *New Haven County*—Timothy P. Beers, Anson Foot, William Tully. *New London County*—Thomas Coit, Elisha North, George Tisdale. *Fairfield County*—Gideon Shepherd, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy. *Windham County*—Joseph Palmer, Andrew Harris, William A. Brewster. *Litchfield County*—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler. *Middlesex County*—Jesse Bigelow, William Pierson, Sylvester Buckley. *Tolland County*—Rodolphus Ladd, Chester Carpenter, Eleazer Hunt.

Voted, To accept the report of the Treasurer.

Voted, To appoint Thomas Hubbard, Nathaniel Perry, and Eli Todd, a committee to report to this convention respecting the recommendation of physicians for a degree of M.D.

Voted, To recommend as privileged students to attend lectures gratis at the Medical Institution of Yale College the ensuing winter, E. P. Belden of Wethersfield, Hartford County; Russel Botsford, Newtown, Fairfield County; Alfred Balie, Groton, New London County; Willoughby L. Lay, Lyme, New London County; Peleg Johnson, Mansfield, Windham County; Levi Buckingham, Saybrook, Middlesex County; Abraham Blatcheley, Guilford, New Haven County; Simeon Birge, Bolton, Tolland County.

Voted, That Thomas Hubbard, and Joseph Palmer, Jr., be appointed a committee to propose a code of Medical Police to the next convention.

Voted, To appoint Joseph Palmer, Jr., and Andrew Harris, to make out the debenture bill.

Voted, To adjourn this convention until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Secretary shall officially communicate to the President of the College the names of those who are recommended for a degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on each member of the Society.

Voted, That Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, and William Tully, be appointed a committee to select and publish a medical communication previous to the next convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to recommend suitable candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and this convention do recommend Joseph Palmer, Jesse Carrington, Sylvester Wells, and John O. Miner, for the above purpose.

Voted, That William Tully be appointed to write a dissertation on the Pernicious and Destructive Effects of Ardent Spirits, and read it to the next convention.

Voted, To allow the account of the Secretary.

Voted, To allow the account of the Treasurer.

Voted, That no member of this Society shall be dismissed from the same without a reasonable excuse, of which the County Societies shall be judges; provided that no member shall be dismissed

until he shall have paid all his taxes. The County Societies shall have power to relieve those members who are above sixty years of age, who desire it, from all the burdens of the Society. The former bye-law of the Society respecting dismission of members of the Society is hereby repealed.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee of Debentures.

Voted, That the professors of the Medical College be requested to communicate to the next convention the best mode of producing a general and uniform Pharmacopœia.

Voted, That Joseph Foot and William Tully be appointed a committee to devise means for the regulation of Apothecaries in the State of Connecticut, and if they think proper draft a petition to the Legislature upon this subject and report to the next convention.

Voted, To adjourn to the County House in New Haven, to meet on the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October, A.D. 1816, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Test, JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 16, 1816.

At a convention of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 16th, A.D. 1816.

The following officers were chosen: MASON F. COGSWELL, *President;* THOMAS HUBBARD, *Vice-President;* JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary;* THOMAS MINER, *Treasurer.*

Fellows returned from the counties:

Hartford County—Solomon Everest, John Bestor, Nathan Strong, Simeon Field, Dwell Morgan. *New Haven County*—Joseph Foot, Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, Pearl Craft, Timothy T. Beers. *Windham County*—Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Palmer, Darius Hutchins, Rufus Johnson, William A. Brewster. *Fairfield County*—William Shelton, Gideon Beardsley, Nathan Tisdale, Daniel Comstock, Isaac Jennings. *New London County*—Vine Utley, John O. Miner, Avery Downer, Elisha North. *Litchfield County*—Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington, Warren R. Fowler, Elijah Lyman, Jehiel Williams. *Tolland County*—John S. Peters, Daniel Peck, Eleazer Hunt. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, Samuel Carter, William Tully.

Voted, That the report of the Treasurer be accepted.

Voted, To allow the account of the representative of the former Treasurer.

Voted, That Mason F. Cogswell, Thomas Hubbard, Nathan Strong, Jr., and William Tully, be appointed a standing committee for the purpose of nominating professors.

Voted, That John Bestor, Solomon Everest, Elisha North, Eli Ives, and Jesse Carrington, be appointed a committee to recommend suitable candidates for a degree of M.D.

Voted, That William Tully be appointed to write a dissertation on the destructive effects of ardent spirits, and read it to the next convention.

Voted, That John S. Peters be appointed Treasurer *pro tempore.*

Voted, That Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and Joseph Foot be appointed a committee of examination.

Voted, That Jabez Hardyear from New Haven County, Leander Utley from New London County, Horatio Dow from Windham County, Ashbel Dart from Middlesex County, Aaron Wood from Tolland County, Philo M. North from Litchfield County, Samuel Dean and Jesse Strickland by convention, be recommended to attend lectures gratis.

Voted, That Drs. Brewster and Williams be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That Drs. Strong and Tully be a committee to attend Dr. Francher's petition to the Legislature respecting a vaccine institution.

Voted, That Drs. Tully and Thomas Miner be a committee to receive information and facts relative to the vending of medicine by ignorant apothecaries and druggists, and that it be the duty of the several members of this Society to communicate all such facts to said committee as may come within their knowledge.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee on Debentures.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee respecting a uniform pharmacopœia, and that Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, and William Tully be appointed a committee to compile a pharmacopœia and submit it to the next convention.

Voted, That Thomas Hubbard and Joseph Palmer, Jr., be appointed a committee to propose a code of Medical Police to the next convention.

Voted, That Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, and Joseph Foot be appointed a committee to take measures to provide, as soon as may be, a form of diploma proper to be given to the persons who have honorary degrees conferred upon them by the authority of Yale College, upon the recommendation of the convention.

Voted, That the Treasurer receive a note paid by Dr. Beardsley, and pay the same.

Voted, That the report of the committee for recommending suitable candidates for a degree of M.D. be accepted; and we recommend William Shelton, Philemon Tracy, Simeon Field, and Penuel Hutchins for honorary degrees.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee against recommending the petition of Dr. Fancher to the Legislature.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on all the members of this Society.

Voted, That the bye-laws passed A.D. 1807, making the Treasurer of the Medical Society accountable to the clerks of the several counties for advertising, postage, etc., be and the same is hereby repealed.

Voted, That a dinner be provided for the convention on the first day of their meeting, and that each member of the convention who receives his debenture shall pay his proportion of the expenses of the house and dinner.

Voted, To adjourn to the Medical College in New Haven to meet on the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October, A.D. 1817, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest, JOSEPH FOOT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 1817.

At an adjourned meeting of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, October 15 and 16, 1817, the following officers were chosen: MASON F. COGSWELL, M.D., *President;* THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several counties:

Hartford—Solomon Everest, M.D., John Bestor, M.D., Nathan Strong, Samuel B. Woodward, James E Hart. *New Haven*—Eli Ives, M.D., Joseph Foot, M.D., Bela Farnham, Isaac Goodsell, Jonathan Knight. *Litchfield*—Nathaniel Perry, M.D., Jesse Carrington, M.D., Warren R. Fowler, William Buel, Jehiel Williams. *Windham*—Thos. Hubbard, M.D., Darius Hutchins, Elijah Baldwin, Charles Moulton. Andrew Harris. *New London*—Elisha North, M.D., John O. Miner, M.D., George Tisdale, Dyer F. Brainard, Sylvester Wooster. *Fairfield*—William Shelton, M.D., Noah A. Lacy, Isaac Jennings, Gideon Beardsley, Nathan Tisdale. *Tolland*—Nathan Howard, John S. Peters, Daniel Peck. *Middlesex*—Thomas Miner, Samuel Carter, William Tully.

The following are returned as the clerks of the several counties:

Samuel B. Woodward, *Hartford Co.;* Jonathan Knight, *New Haven Co.;* Dyer T. Brainard, *New London Co.;* Isaac Jennings, *Fairfield Co.;* Sylvester Bulkely, *Middlesex Co.;* John S. Peters, *Tolland Co.;* Conant Catlin, *Litchfield Co.;* Wm. A. Brewster, *Windham Co.*

It appearing, by the certificate of the clerk of New Haven County, that the annual meeting of the Society in the county was not held on the day prescribed by law, it was,

Voted, That the gentlemen returned as Fellows from that county be allowed to sit and debate in this convention, but not to vote.

Voted, That any member of the Society is eligible to any office in the Society, though not a member of the convention at the time, any bye-law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Voted, That Mason F. Cogswell, Thomas Hubbard, Nathan

Strong, and William Tully be a committee to nominate professors in the Medical Institution.

Voted, That Drs. Hubbard, Bestor, Perry, J. O. Minor, and Everest be a committee to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Resolved, That the committee of examination be hereafter chosen by ballot.

Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Joseph Foot, M.D.. and Thomas Miner were elected to be the examining committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Fowler for his dissertation read this day on the Deleterious Effects of Ardent Spirits in the Hypochondriacal Temperament, and that a copy of the same be requested.

The following young gentlemen, viz. : John Everett, Johnson C. Hatch, Alfred Gillett, Jared Pardee, William Perkins, Rufus Smith, Elam Stimson, and Reynold Webb were recommended to attend gratuitously the ensuing course of lectures at the Medical Institution.

Voted, That Drs. Peters and Carter be a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Voted, That Drs. Knight, Ives. and Goodsell be a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature. on the subject of making some regulations concerning apothecaries, and to report the same to the next convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and to recommend Thos. Coit, Warren R. Fowler, Nathan Howard, John S. Peters, and Avery Downer as deserving of that honor.

Adjourned to the 16th, 9 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 16, 1817.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of a Medical Police be accepted, and the system reported by them be adopted.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on debentures.

Voted, That Drs. Knight and Foot be a committee to revise the bye-laws of the Society, and to procure them to be printed, together with the charter, and all the statutes of the State which relate to the Society.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That the examining committee for the present year be directed, on the application of Dr. Silas Fuller of Columbia, and his showing a written certificate of his having been formerly examined by the committee in Tolland County, to give him a license in due form.

Voted, That Dr. Buel be appointed to exhibit a dissertation on some medical subject to the next convention.

Voted, That the President be directed to sign, on behalf of the convention, a Petition to the Legislature for the promotion of Vaccine Inoculation.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on the members of the Society for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to the Wednesday following the second Thursday in October, 1818, at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet at the Medical College.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1818.

At the annual Convention of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at New Haven, on the 14th and 15th of October, A.D. 1818,

The following officers were chosen:

MASON F. COGSWELL, M.D., *President;* THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford—John Bestor, M.D., Samuel B. Woodward, Sylvester Wells, M.D., Eli Todd, M.D., Solomon Everest, M.D. *New Haven*—Eli Ives, M.D., Joseph Foot, M.D., Jonathan Knight, M.D., Pearl Craft, Edward Field. *Litchfield*—William Buel, Warren R. Fowler, M.D., Benj. Welch, John Calhoun, Joshua Cornwall. *Windham*—Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Joseph Palmer, Andrew Harris, Silas Fuller, Penuel Hutchins, M.D. *Fairfield*—Bennett Perry, Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy, Isaac Jennings, Ansel Hoyt. *New London*—John Smith, George Downer, Sylvester Wooster, Nathaniel S. Perkins, Benjamin F. Stoddard. *Tolland*—John S. Peters, M.D., Daniel Peck, John Grant. *Middlesex*—Thomas Miner, William Tully, Jesse Bigelow.

The following gentlemen are returned as Clerks of the several counties:

Samuel B. Woodward, *Hartford County;* Isaac Jennings, *Fairfield County;* Conant Catlin, *Litchfield County;* John Grant, *Tolland County;* Virgil M. Dow, *New Haven County;* William A. Brewster, *Windham County;* Nathaniel S. Perkins, *New London County;* William Tully, *Middlesex County.*

Voted, That Mason F. Cogswell, Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and William Tully, be a committee appointed to join with such persons as shall be appointed by the corporation of Yale College to nominate professors in the Medical Institution.

Voted, That Drs. Everest, Hubbard, Fowler, Ives, and Miner, be a committee to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and Warren R. Fowler, be the examining committee for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Drs. Bestor and Buel be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts and to report to this convention.

The following young gentlemen were recommended to attend, gratuitously, the ensuing course of lectures at the Medical Institution, viz.: Charles R. Smith, Joseph Sibley, Orrin Hunt, Lyman Catlin, Thomas S. Francis, Daniel McGregor, Orris J. Taylor.

Resolved, That in all cases whenever a candidate for a degree of Doctor of Medicine shall be proposed by a convention, the question on such proposition shall be taken by ballot.

Voted, To recommend to the President and Fellows of Yale College, Drs. William Buel, William Tully, and Thomas Miner, as persons deserving the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, To allow the Treasurer $10 for his services the past year.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be given to Dr. Buel for his dissertation read this day, and that a copy of the same be requested.

Voted, To appoint Dr. Thomas Miner to read a dissertation on some medical subject before the next convention.

Voted, That the medical Professors of Yale College, together with the committee of examination from the Medical Society be, *ex-officio*, a standing committee to prescribe, from time to time, a certain medical course as indispensable for every student admitted to examination in this State, and to recommend such other works, as they think best, to the attention of all students.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to bring to a speedy close all the outstanding accounts of the Society.

Voted, That the Professors of the Medical Institution be requested to deliver, in succession, lectures before the convention, on some subject connected with medicine, on the evening preceding the first day of the session of the convention, and the evening succeeding it in each year.

Voted, That Drs. Craft and Grant be a committee to make out debentures; and that the committee be instructed to make out the debentures according to the actual distances of the residences of each Fellow from the place of holding the convention.

Voted, That the consideration of the report of the committee

appointed at the last convention to draft a petition to the Legislature on the subject of Apothecaries, be postponed to the next convention.

Voted, That the memorial from the examining committee of the Medical Institution be printed with the doings of this convention; that the several county meetings be requested to take the same into consideration, and to give their opinion on the propriety of adopting the measure there proposed; and that the further consideration of said memorial be postponed to the next convention.

Voted, That in any proceeding on the subject of a national Pharmacopœia, this convention will not hold themselves responsible for any expense that may be incurred for the attendance of delegates, or publishing such a work.

Voted, That we highly approve the design of forming a Pharmacopœia for the use of the United States, and that we will co-operate in carrying it into execution.

Voted, That Eli Ives, M.D., and William Tully be the delegates from this Society to the northern district convention.

Voted, That the town of Boston and the 1st of June, A.D. 1819, will be the proper place and time for the meeting of the convention for the northern district.

Voted, That the committee appointed at a former convention to ascertain the number of lunatics in this State be continued.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to revise and print the bye-laws of the Society; and to appoint the same persons a committee to revise, alter, and amend the bye-laws of this Society, and to report to the next convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee on Debentures.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on each member of this Society.

Voted, That the system of Medical Police adopted by the last convention be printed and distributed with the doings of the convention.

Voted, That the next convention meet at the Medical College in New Haven, on the Wednesday following the second Thursday of October, A. D. 1819, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

OCTOBER 20 AND 21, 1819.

At the annual convention of the President and the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society held at New Haven on the 20th and the 21st of October, A. D. 1819, the following officers were chosen, viz.:

Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., *President;* Thomas Hubbard, M.D., *Vice-President;* John S. Peters, M.D , *Treasurer;* Jonathan Knight, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford—Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., John A. Hart, John L. Comstock, Norman Lyman, Dwell Morgan. *New Haven*—Eli Ives, M.D., Jonathan Knight, M. D., Isaac Goodsell, Timothy P. Beers, Pearl Craft. *Windham*—Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Andrew Harris, Joseph Palmer, Jr., Penuel Hutchins, M.D., Wm. A. Brewster. *Litchfield*—Nathaniel Perry, M.D., Jesse Carrington, M.D., Wm. Buel, M.D., Conant Catlin, Warren R. Fowler, M.D. *Fairfield*—Gideon Shepherd, M.D., Gideon Beardsley, Noah A. Lacy, Isaac Jennings, Russell B. Botsford. *New London*—John O. Minor, M.D., Elisha North, M.D., Samuel H. P. Lee, George Downer, Sylvester Wooster. *Middlesex*—Thomas Miner, M.D., Austin Olcott, Gideon A. Dickinson. *Tolland*—John S. Peters, M.D., John Grant, Samuel Simons.

The following gentlemen are returned as clerks in the several counties, viz.:

Samuel B. Woodward, *Hartford County;* Virgil M. Dow, *New Haven County;* Isaac Jennings, *Fairfield County;* Erastus L. Hart, *Litchfield County;* Nathaniel Perkins, *New London County;* Wm. A. Brewster, *Windham County;* Jesse Bigelow, *Middlesex County;* John Grant, *Tolland County.*

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and Warren R. Fowler, be the Committee of Examination for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Drs. Mason F. Cogswell, Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and William Tully, be a committee on the part of the

Society to join with such persons as shall be appointed by the Corporation of Yale College to nominate professors in the Medical Institution.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, John S. Peters, and Warren R. Fowler, be a committee to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Drs. Palmer and Jennings be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report to this convention.

Voted, To abate $10.50 due the Society from Dr. Samuel Willard.

Voted, To direct the Treasurer to allow Dr. Knight $4.00 in the settlement with him for one blank license lost.

Voted, That Drs. Comstock, Beers, Perry, Palmer, Jennings, Wooster, Simons, and Miner be a committee to take into consideration what alteration, if any, is necessary to be made in the compensation allowed to members of the convention, and that they report to this convention.

The following young gentlemen were recommended to attend, gratuitously, the ensuing course of lectures in the Medical Institution, viz.: Vine Smith, John Chubbuck, Levi Dickinson, John Hand, Edward Cone, Benjamin Welch, Jr., Daniel McGregor, and Jehiel Abbott.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee appointed by the last convention to revise, alter, and amend the bye-laws of the Society; and to direct the Secretary to cause the system of bye-laws reported by said committee, together with the several statutes of the State relating to the Society, to be printed with the doings of this convention.

Voted, To appoint Drs. Miner and Comstock to read dissertations before the next convention.

Voted, That the thanks of the convention be given to Dr. Catlin for the interesting case related by him, and that a copy of the same be requested.

Voted, That Drs. Harris, Hart, Craft, Jennings, and Fowler be a committee to enquire into the expediency of making an alteration in the time and place of holding the convention, and report to this convention.

Voted, To approve of the alteration in the act of Incorporation of the Medical Institution, proposed to this convention, by the President and Fellows of Yale College.

Voted, That it is inexpedient to apply to the legislature to make the alteration in the act of incorporation of the Medical Institution, proposed by the memorial from the Examining Committee, presented to the last convention.

Voted, That the two articles of the Medical Police so published with the doings of the last convention, under the heads of "Exemption from Charges" and "Vicarious Offices," be stricken out, as they were printed by mistake.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, To accept and approve of the reports of the Treasurer.

Voted, To allow the Treasurer $10 for his services the past year.

Voted, That Drs. Brewster and Botsford be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That Dr. Knight be appointed to revise, alter, and amend the rules and regulations of the convention, and report at this or the next convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of changing the time and place of holding the convention.

Voted, That the convention meet hereafter alternately at New Haven and Hartford, on the second Wednesday of May, annually.

Voted, That when the present convention adjourn, the adjournment shall be to the second Wednesday of May, A. D. 1820, then to meet at New Haven.

Voted, That Drs. Peters, Ives, and Knight, be a committee to apply to the Legislature for such an alteration in the Incorporation act of this Society, if in their opinion any alteration is necessary, as shall make it accord with the preceding votes.

Voted, That all the bye-laws of this Society, except the Medical Police adopted by the last convention, and those bye-laws passed by this convention, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Voted, That the members of this convention, at their session in May next, shall receive but one dollar for each day's attendance, and 6¼ cents per mile for travel; any bye-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Voted, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of altering the compensation to the members of the convention be not accepted.

Voted, That the tax of one dollar and $\frac{50}{100}$ be laid on each member of this Society, which shall be due on the 1st of January, 1820, and that the Treasurer be directed to inform the Clerks of the several counties of the time when it becomes due.

Voted, To postpone indefinitely the report of the committee appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature on the subject of apothecaries, which was continued from the last to the present convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and to recommend to the President and Fellows of Yale College, Drs. Samuel Rockwell and Joseph Palmer, Jr., as worthy of that honor.

Voted, To postpone the consideration of the propriety of requiring the sum of $10 from those who are examined for the degree of M.D., to the next meeting of the convention.

Voted, To adjourn this convention to the 2d Wednesday of May, A.D. 1820, to meet at the Medical College, in New Haven, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

MAY 10, 1820.

A convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society was held at New Haven on the 10th of May, A.D. 1820, according to adjournment.

A quorum being present, the Vice-President opened the convention, the President being absent.

Voted, That the Fellows, or a majority of them, in the several counties, be hereby authorized to recommend one meritorious and necessitous student, to attend a course of lectures, gratuitously, at the Medical Institution of Yale College, the ensuing season; and that they transmit the name of the person so recommended to the professors of the Medical Institution.

The Treasurer's report was read, and Drs. Knight, Ives, and Beers were appointed a committee to settle with the Treasurer, and report to the next convention.

Voted, To allow the Treasurer ten dollars for his services the past year.

Voted, That a tax of $1.50 be laid on each member of the Society, payable on the 1st of January, 1821.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Thomas Miner for the dissertation this day read before the convention; and that a copy of the same be requested.

Drs. Comstock, Tully, and Beers were appointed to read dissertations before the next convention.

Drs. Jennings and Wooster were appointed a committee to make up the debenture bill.

Voted, That the consideration of the propriety of requiring the sum of $10 from those who are examined for the degree of M.D., be indefinitely postponed.

The following votes were minuted down by Dr. W. R. Fowler, who, in the absence of the Secretary, was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee to make up the debenture bill.

Voted, That the next convention be held at Hartford on the 2d Wednesday of May, A.D. 1821.

Adjourned. Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 9, 1821.

At an annual meeting of the Fellows of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, May 9, 1821,—

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., *President;* Thomas Hubbard, M.D., *Vice-President;* John S. Peters, M.D., *Treasurer;* Jonathan Knight, M.D., *Secretary.*

Timothy P. Beers, Secretary, *pro tem.*

The following is the list of Fellows as returned from the counties:

Hartford County—Solomon Everest, John Bestor, Samuel B. Woodward, Eli Todd, George Sumner. *New Haven County*—Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, Isaac Goodsell, Edward Field, Timothy P. Beers. *New London County*—John O. Minor, Elisha North, Wm. P. Eaton, Avery Downer, Lucius Tyler. *Litchfield County*—Samuel Rockwell, William Buel, John Calhoun, Erastus L. Hart, Warren R. Fowler. *Fairfield County*—Gideon Beardsley, Nathan Tisdale, John Tomlinson, John Judson, Elijah Middlebrook. *Windham County*—Josiah Fuller, Andrew Harris, Earl Swift, Joseph Palmer, Elijah Baldwin. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, William Tully, Samuel Carter. *Tolland County*—John S. Peters, Eleazer Hunt, Jabez L. White.

The following gentlemen are clerks in the several counties:

George Sumner, *Hartford Co.;* Wm. L. Lay, *New Haven Co.;* Archibald Mercer, *New London Co.;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield Co.;* Waldo Hutchins, *Windham Co.;* Roswell Abernethy, *Litchfield Co.;* Jesse Bigelow, *Middlesex Co.;* Jno. Grant, *Tolland Co.*

Dr. Thomas Miner and Dr. W. R. Fowler were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer.

Voted, That Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Miner, and W. R. Fowler be a committee of examination for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Eli Todd, Thomas Hubbard, and Mason F. Cogswell be a committee to act with such persons as shall be appointed by the corporation of the college and nominate professors.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The following are recommended to attend gratuitously a course of lectures:

Alfred Kellogg, Josiah M. Colburn, ——— Cranney, Elias W. Williams, Hezekiah T. Judson, ——— Phelps, Samuel Carpenter, Luther Towner.

Voted, To lay a tax of one dollar on each member of this Society.

Dr. Sumner and Dr. Eaton were appointed to make out the debenture bill.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that no county meeting has a right by the State to recommend any candidate to a gratuitous course of lectures only such as are meritorious and necessitous, and that no candidate can be recommended to a second course.

Voted, That Dr. Todd, Dr. Thomas Miner, and Dr. Woodward be a committee to take into consideration the subject of a lunatic or insane hospital, and report the same to this convention.

Resolved, Whereas, it appears to this convention that William Canfield received a license to practice Physic and Surgery, signed, J. R. Watrous, President, and countersigned by Jesse Carrington and Warren R. Fowler, examining committee for Litchfield County, dated March, 1812; and, whereas, said certificate appears to have been lost during the late war while said Canfield was a prisoner;

Resolved, By this convention, that said Canfield be furnished with a new license signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, free of expense.

Whereas an uniform system of pharmacy is at this time peculiarly necessary, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine the different pharmacopœias and report to the next convention the best standard work on this subject.

Voted, That Dr. George Sumner and Dr. Wm. Tully be a committee to report on the subject of the Pharmacopœia.

Voted, Unanimously, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Samuel Rockwell for his ingenious dissertation, and that a copy be requested to be preserved for file.

Dr. North exhibited to the convention an improved trephine, and an improved speculum.

Adjourned to meet at the Court-House to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Test, TIMOTHY P. BEERS, *Clerk, pro tem.*

May 10th. Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That Drs. Tully, Comstock, and Palmer, deliver dissertations at the next meeting of the convention.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Debentures be accepted, and the Treasurer directed to pay the same.

Voted, That the Treasurer receive the thanks of the convention, and be paid ten dollars for his services.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on the subject of a Lunatic Hospital be accepted.

Voted, That Drs. Thos. Miner, Todd, Woodward, Tully, and Sumner, be a Committee on the subject of a Lunatic Asylum, and that they report to the adjourned convention, and that the Treasurer of convention be requested to afford his advice to said committee.

Voted, That this convention will adjourn to meet at Hartford, on the first Wednesday in October, next, free of all expense to the Medical Society.

Voted, That Drs. Todd and Sumner be a committee to prepare and publish the report of the Committee on the subject of a Lunatic Asylum.

Voted, That the vote of yesterday laying a tax of one dollar be reconsidered, and that a tax of one dollar and fifty cents be laid on each member of the Society.

Voted, That the committee on the debenture bill be directed to make out a debenture to Dr. Comstock for attendance at the last convention.

Voted, That this convention adjourn to meet at Hartford on the first Wednesday of October next.

Attest, WARREN R. FOWLER, *Secretary, pro tem.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ADJOURNED CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

OCTOBER 3, 1821.

A meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society was holden at the State House in Hartford, October 3, 1821, according to adjournment.

Voted, To accept and approve of the report of the committee appointed at the annual convention in May last, on the subject of the establishment of an Asylum for the Insane in this State.

Voted, To accept of the constitution for the organization of a society for their relief, reported by the same committee, as altered and amended by this convention.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Miner, Eli Todd, Samuel B. Woodward, William Tully, George Sumner, Jonathan Knight, and Eli Ives, be a Committee of Correspondence, to carry into immediate effect the plan laid down in the aforesaid constitution; and that the following persons be County Committees to co operate with them, viz.:

Hartford County—M. F. Cogswell, M.D., Rev. Thomas Robbins, Samuel Tudor. *New Haven County*—Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownell, Joseph Foot, M.D., Hon. Simeon Baldwin. *New London County*—Hon. Elias Perkins, John O. Minor, M.D., Richard Adams, Esq. *Fairfield County*—Hon. R. M. Sherman, Dr. Jonathan Knight, Rev. M. R. Dutton. *Windham County*—Thos. Hubbard, M.D., Hon. Zephaniah Swift, Daniel Putnam. *Litchfield County*—His Excellency Oliver Wolcott, Joseph Battell, Esq., William Buel, M.D. *Middlesex County*—Hon. S. J. Hosmer, Hon. Joshua Stow, J. R. Watkinson, Esq. *Tolland County*—John S. Peters, M.D., Rev. A. Bassett, D.D., Benning Man, Esq.

The Committee of Correspondence shall cause to be printed such documents as seem suitable to promote the object in view. They shall meet monthly, appoint agents to solicit subscriptions in every part of the State; and by correspondence with the County Committees, and by their own observation, are to see that their agents are faithful and upright. They are also to transmit to the County Committees a subscription, to be opened in each town in the State, which subscription shall be returned to the Committee of Correspondence, at or before their meeting in May next.

They are also to deposit with the County Committees, documents for distribution in the several counties. The members of the several County Committees will receive such communications as may, from time to time, be addressed to them for distribution. They are requested frequently to consult with each other, and to communicate to the corresponding committee and to the public whatever information may by them be deemed expedient.

There shall be a joint meeting of the Committee of Correspondence, and of County Committees, at the State House in New Haven, on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of May, A. D. 1822, at 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of adopting such measures as will conduce to the prosperity of the Institution for the Insane, and for the transaction of any other business which falls within the limits of their instructions.

Neither the Committee of Correspondence nor the County Committees, shall receive any remuneration for their services.

Voted, To appropriate two hundred dollars from the funds of the Medical Society for the promotion of the objects of the Society.

Voted, To print seven hundred copies of the doings of this convention for distribution.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

MAY 8 AND 9, 1822.

At the annual convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at New Haven, on the 8th and 9th of May, A. D. 1822.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *President;* ELI TODD, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M D, *Secretary.*

The Fellows chosen in the several counties are as follows, viz.:

Hartford County—Eli Todd, M.D., Elijah F. Read, Wm. S. Pierson. Geo. Sumner, Samuel B. Woodward. *New Haven County*—Eli Ives, M.D., Jonathan Knight, M.D., Timothy P. Beers, J. Titsworth, M.D., Virgil M. Dow. *New London County*—John O. Miner, M.D., Avery Downer, George Tisdale, Frederick Morgan, M.D., Dyer T. Brainard. *Litchfield County*—Samuel Rockwell, M.D., Wm. Buell, M.D., Roswell Abernethy, Warren R. Fowler, M.D., Conant Catlin. *Fairfield County*—Nathan Tisdale, E. Middlebrook, M.D., Cyreneus Booth, J. D. Hardyear, M.D., Gideon Beardsley. *Windham County*—Thos. Hubbard, M.D., Luther Manning, Charles Moulton, Earl Swift, Archibald Welch. *Middlesex County*—Thos. Miner, M.D., Samuel Carter, Andrew F. Warner. *Tolland County*—John S. Peters, M.D., Nathan Howard, M.D, Eleazer Hunt.

The following gentlemen are Clerks of the several counties, viz.:

George Sumner, *Hartford Co.;* Samuel Punderson, *New Haven;* Roswell Abernethy, *Litchfield;* William P. Eaton, *New London;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield;* Waldo Hutchins, *Windham;* Andrew F. Warner, *Middlesex;* Eleazer Hunt, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. W. R. Fowler and Woodward be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Drs. Peters. Todd, and Ives be a committee to apply to the Legislature to alter the law establishing the Medical Society, as published in the late revision of the Statutes, so that county clerks may have the same power to collect taxes as they had under the former law; also to present to them a memorial from this convention, requesting them to validate certain licenses

which have been issued, without having been signed, as the law directs.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Miner, W. R. Fowler. and Eli Todd be the committee of examination for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Drs. Thos. Miner, Todd, and Rockwell be a committee to nominate to this convention those persons whom they shall deem worthy to receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Drs. Beers and Hardyear be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That any person who has previously been a member of this convention may take a part in the debates. during its session.

The following persons were returned from the several counties as proper persons to attend a course of lectures, gratuitously, at the medical institution, viz.:

Chester Hamlin, *Hartford Co.;* ——— Dutton, *New Haven;* Datus Williams, *New London;* Curtiss Prentice, *Litchfield;* George Gary, *Windham;* Asa H. King, *Middlesex;* Eber West, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. J. O. Minor, Fowler, Read, Hardyear, and Rockwell be a committee to nominate a person to attend a course of lectures gratuitously.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That the Treasurer receive ten dollars, for his services the past year.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee, appointed by the last convention, upon the subject of the Pharmacopœia.

Voted, To recommend to the apothecaries of this State to prepare their medicines according to the Pharmacopœia of the United States.

Voted, That Drs. Tully, Sumner, Titsworth, and Ives be a committee to make observations and collect information in respect to the defects and errors of the Pharmacopœia of the United States, with reference to its improvement at the next revision. In case of the removal of one or more of this committee, the facts which they may have obtained shall be transferred to their successors.

Voted, That Drs. Cogswell, Hubbard, and Todd be a committee on the part of this Society, to nominate professors in the medical institution.

Voted, That Drs. Hubbard, Wells, Buell, Todd, and Thomas

Miner be a committee to nominate the superintendent of the proposed asylum for the relief of the insane.

Voted, To recommend to the President and Fellows of Yale College the following gentlemen as worthy of the degree of Doctor of Medicine, viz.: Elijah F. Read, Samuel B. Woodward, Jehiel Williams, Nathan Tisdale, and Samuel Carter.

Voted unanimously, That the thanks of this convention be given to Dr. Tully for his dissertation read before the convention; and that Drs. Todd and Sumner be a committee to request of Dr. Tully a copy of the same, and to publish it if they think best; with liberty to draw on the Treasurer for any expense which may be necessary to procure such a number of copies as to furnish one to each member of the Society, and twelve to the author.

Voted, That the following premiums be awarded by this convention, viz.:

A piece of plate, or a medal, of the value of $15, to the best dissertation upon any subject in medicine or surgery.

One of $10 to the second best do.; and one of $10 to the best do., upon the nature and medical use of any article of the *Mat. Med.* indigenous to this State.

Voted, That the distribution of these premiums shall be according to the following rules, viz.:

No persons except members of the Connecticut Medical Society shall be candidates for the premiums.

Drs. Knight, Woodward, and Todd shall be a committee to receive the dissertations and award the premiums to those which they shall think worthy of them.

The dissertations offered for the premiums shall be transmitted to the committee before the last of April, A.D. 1823.

Every dissertation shall be accompanied with the name of the author in a sealed packet. Those packets only accompanying the dissertations to which a premium is awarded, shall be broken.

All dissertations to which no premium is awarded, with their accompanying packets, shall be disposed of as may be directed by their respective authors.

The names of the authors of those dissertations to which premiums are awarded, shall be reported to the next annual convention and entered upon its records, and the dissertations shall be read before the convention.

If no dissertation shall be presented to the committee, which, in

their opinion, is worthy of a premium, they are at liberty to withhold the premium, and report the fact to the next annual convention.

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Society be directed to pay to the committee of the Society for the relief of the insane, or to the Treasurer of such Society, when organized, the amount which he can collect of the sums now due to the Society, before the first day of January, A D. 1823, provided such sums shall not exceed $400.

Voted, That the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, report to the next convention, their opinion of the propriety and practicability of collecting sundry balances on the Treasurer's books.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to make out debentures, and to direct the Treasurer to pay the same.

Voted, That a tax of $1.50 be laid upon each member of the Society for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to prepare an abstract of his report to the convention, and that it be published with the proceedings of this convention.

Voted, That Drs. Tully, Sumner, Titsworth, and Ives be a committee to take into consideration the subject of the qualifications of apothecaries, and to devise such regulations as shall be deemed best to insure well qualified apothecaries and genuine medicines, and report to the next convention; together with a memorial to the Legislature upon the subject; if they shall deem it expedient.

Voted, That —— Huggins be recommended by this convention to attend a course of Lectures, gratuitously, at the Medical Institution the ensuing year.

Voted, That every person, reading a dissertation before this convention, having been previously appointed for that purpose, shall receive a debenture to the same amount as if a member, whether he be a Fellow of the Society, or not.

Voted, That the chairman of the Committee of Examination be requested to report to the next convention the state of the Medical Institution, the number of students, the courses of lectures given, and the time occupied by each course.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish such parts of the proceedings of this convention as he shall think proper, in the public papers and in the *Connecticut Register*.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 14 AND 15, 1823.

At an annual convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at Hartford on the 14th and 15th of May, A.D. 1823.

Dr. Timothy P. Beers was chosen Secretary, *pro tem.*

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *President;* ELI TODD, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M.D., *Secretary.*

Hartford County—Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., John Bestor, M.D., Josiah M. Ward, William Tully, Norman Lyman. *New Haven County*—Eli Ives, M.D., Jonathan Knight, M.D., Joseph Foot, M.D., Timothy P. Beers, Isaac Jennings. *Litchfield County*—William Buell, M.D., Warren R. Fowler, M.D., Roswell Abernethy, Conant Catlin, Horatio Gridley. *Windham County*—Josiah Fuller, Elijah Baldwin, Waldo Hutchins, Luther Manning, Chester Hunt. *Fairfield County*—Gideon Beardsley, Nathan Tisdale, M.D., Cyreneus H. Booth, Lloyd Seeley, Elijah Middlebrook, M.D. *New London County*—Archibald Mercer, Dyer T. Brainard, William P. Eaton, M.D., Sylvester Wooster, John L. Smith. *Tolland County*—Nathan Howard, M.D., John Grant, Horatio Dow. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, M.D., Samuel Carter, Andrew F. Warner.

The Clerks of the several counties are:

George Sumner, *Hartford County;* Charles Hooker, *New Haven County*; Horatio Gridley, *Litchfield County;* William P. Eaton, *New London County;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield County;* Waldo Hutchins, *Windham County;* Andrew F. Warner, *Middlesex County;* Eleazer Hunt, *Tolland County.*

The following were returned from the several counties as proper persons to attend a course of lectures, gratuitously, at the Medical Institution, viz.:

Charles Rowland, *New Haven;* William Miner, *New London;* Frederick B. Woodward, *Litchfield;* Samuel B. Beardsley, *Fairfield;* ——— Church, *Windham;* Ezekiel B. Phelps, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. Eli Todd, Thomas Miner, and Warren R. Fowler, be the Committee of Examination for the ensuing year.

ing to the Connecticut Medical Society, an abstract of the journals of the convention, and all the bye-laws, for the use of the members.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on the subject of expunging bad debts from the Treasurer's books.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause the doings of the convention to be printed and distributed by mail, on or before the first day of July next.

Voted, That the Clerks of the County Societies be directed to make annual returns to the Secretary of the name and place of abode of each member of the Medical Society in their respective Counties, before the first day of June.

Voted, That the proviso to the law relating to the making and vending of any nostrum or patent medicine be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Debentures be accepted; and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same.

Voted, That the sum of $1.00 be deducted from the debenture of each member of this convention who dined with this convention.

Voted, That Drs. Josiah Fuller, Austin Olcott, Silas Fuller, and Isaac J. Hough, be recommended to the President and Fellows of Yale College, as worthy of the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That the committee appointed last year to take into consideration the qualifications of apothecaries be continued, and that Dr. Samuel B. Woodward be, and he is hereby, appointed an additional member of said committee.

Voted, That Drs. George Sumner, Joseph Palmer, Jr., James G. Percival, and William P. Eaton be appointed to read dissertations before the next convention.

Voted, That the report of the Chairman of the committee of Examination on the state of the Medical Institution be accepted.

Voted, That the sum of $400 be paid from the Treasury of the Medical Society, to the treasurer of the Society for the relief of the insane, whenever that sum can be collected.

Voted, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to put all claims in favor of this Society in suit, that are of more than one year's standing, if not settled by the first day of January, next.

Adjourned *sine die*.

At an annual meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Convention, held at New Haven, on the 12th and 13th of May, A. D. 1824,

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *President;* ELI IVES, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several county Societies, viz.:

Hartford County—Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., J. O. Pond, Elijah F. Reed, M.D., Samuel Hart, 2d, Benjamin Weed, Jr. *New Haven County*—Andrew French, Isaac Goodsell, Samuel Punderson, Joel L. Griffing, M.D, Timothy P. Beers. *Litchfield County*—Samuel Buell, Gaylord Wells, Samuel W. Gold, Luther Ticknor, Horatio Gridley. *Fairfield County*—Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Nathan Tisdale, M.D., Horace Ames, M.D., Cyreneus H. Booth, M.D., Rufus Blakeman. *New London County*—Lucius Tyler, Thos. J. Wells, Richard P. Tracy, M.D., Dyer T. Brainard, Wm. P. Eaton, M.D. *Windham County*—Josiah Fuller, M.D., Joseph Palmer, Jr., M.D., Earl Swift, Silas Fuller, M.D., Harvey Campbell, M.D. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, M.D., Rufus Turner, Andrew F. Warner. *Tolland County*—John S. Peters, M.D., Eleazer Hunt, Joseph Sibley.

The following gentlemen are clerks in their several counties, viz.:

Edward P. Terry, *Hartford County;* Charles Hooker, *New Haven;* Horatio Gridley, *Litchfield;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield;* Richard P. Tracy, *New London;* Waldo Hutchins, *Windham;* Andrew F. Warner, *Middlesex;* Eleazer Hunt, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Mason F. Cogswell, and Elijah F. Reed be a committee on the part of this convention to nominate professors in the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, That Drs. William Buell, Thomas Miner, and Warren R. Fowler be the committee of examination for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Thomas Hubbard, Eli Ives, Thomas Miner, Josiah Fuller, and Silas Fuller be a committee to nominate a Superintendent to the Retreat for the Insane.

The following persons were returned from the several county societies as proper persons to attend a course of lectures, gratuitously, at the Medical Institution, the ensuing season, viz.:

New Haven, George Fowler; *Litchfield*, Hiram Upson; *Fairfield*, Zolman H. Hall; *New London*, F. G. Edgerton; *Windham*, W. A. Fuller; *Middlesex*, ——— Kirtland; *Tolland*, J. F. Hunt.

Voted, That Drs. Josiah Fuller, Brainard, and Booth be a committee to recommend a proper person to fill the vacancy in the returns of the county societies of gratuitous students.

Voted, That Drs. Reed, Ives, Booth, Eaton, S. Fuller, Buell, Warner, and Sibley, be a committee to nominate to this convention those persons whom they may deem worthy to receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Drs. Goodsell, Tisdale, Swift, G. Wells, and Ticknor be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

A communication having been made by the President to the convention recommending certain measures for their adoption, it was

Voted, That Drs. Knight, Thomas T. Wells, and Eaton be a committee to consider so much of the President's communication as relates to the licenses conferred by this convention.

Voted, That Drs. Goodsell, Buell, Swift, Beers, and Peters be a committee to consider so much of the President's communication as relates to the subject of taxation.

Voted, That Drs. Gold, Warner, Hunt, Pond, and Ives be a committee to consider so much of the President's communication as relates to the choice of honorary members.

Voted, That Drs. G. Wells, Warner, Pond, Punderson, Swift, Sibley, Turner, and Middlebrook be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That Drs. Miner, J. Fuller, Palmer, Middlebrook and Buell be a committee to inquire into the facts in the case of Dr. Brockway, and to report them to this convention, with their opinion on the same.

Voted, That the committee appointed to nominate a Superintendent of the Retreat for the Insane be directed to request the Directors of the Institution to publish the terms on which they

receive patients, and any other information concerning the establishment which they may deem useful to the public.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to report a proper person to fill the vacancy in the returns of gratuitous students, and to recommend Thomas D. Shepard to fill such vacancy.

Voted, That Dr. Knight be appointed to read a dissertation before the next convention, on the best means of promoting Medical Licenses in the State of Connecticut.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to transmit by mail, the revised edition of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the convention, together with the proceedings of this session to those members of the county societies, who shall not receive the former at this time.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That the thanks of this convention be given to the Treasurer for his services for the past year, and that he be allowed $10 for the same.

Voted, That the report of the committee of examination, on the subject of the books required and recommended to be read by the medical students, be accepted and be ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this convention.

Voted, That Drs. Beers, Eaton, Reed, Swift, Middlebrook, Gridley, Turner, and Sibley be a committee to take into consideration so much of the law establishing the Medical Institution as relates to the appointment of gratuitous students.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of gratuitous students be not accepted.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of Licenses be accepted, and that the resolutions reported by them be adopted.

Resolved, That the President of this convention, and the Clerk of the committee of examination, be authorized to grant a new license to any person who has been previously licensed by this convention, upon satisfactory proof being exhibited to them that such previous license has been lost, and that for such new license no new charge shall be made.

Resolved, That Drs. Knight, Ives, and Peters, be a committee to procure a new license to be engraved and struck upon parchment,

for such licentiates as may choose to pay the additional expense which will be necessary to obtain such license, with the following inscription, viz.:

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT CONVENTION.

"*To whom these presents may come,*—GREETINGS:

"WHEREAS ———, has been regularly examined upon the various branches of Medicine and Surgery, in conformity with the Laws of this State, establishing the Medical Institution of Yale College, and with the Laws of this Convention, and has been found qualified to practice as a Physician and Surgeon.

"I, therefore, with the advice and consent of the Fellows of this Convention, do license ———, to practice as a Physician and Surgeon, and do grant to him all the rights, immunities, and honors, which such License can confer in this or any other Country.

"In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of this Convention to be affixed to this Instrument, and have signed it with my own hand.

"Granted at ———, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

"——— *President.*

"——— *Clerk of the Committee of Examination.*"

Provided, That this can be done without expense to this convention.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed by a former convention, to devise measures for the regulation of apothecaries, and that Drs. Knight, Ives, and Peters, be a committee to carry the measures recommended by them into execution.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to recommend suitable persons to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine, and that Drs. Andrew Huntington, Noah A. Lacy, Timothy P. Beers, and Allyn Hyde, be recommended as worthy of that honor.

Voted, That the consideration of the proposed bye-law, that no person shall be recommended for the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine who has not been nominated by a previous convention, be postponed to the next convention.

Voted, To repeal the by-law passed in May, 1814, relinquishing the payment of $10 to this convention, by every person receiving the degree of M.D.

Voted, That a tax of $1.00 be laid on every member of the County Societies for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Drs. Knight, Ives, and Peters, be a committee to apply to the legislature for a law establishing the pay for each degree granted by the Medical Institution of Yale College, and for appropriating the same as follows, viz.: The whole amount to be paid by each student shall be $20; of this there shall be paid to the President of Yale College, $4; to the Treasurer of this convention for the benefit of the same, $5; and the remainder, after paying the expenses of the diploma, to be divided equally among the members of the examining committee present at the examination.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on the subject of honorary members.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on debenture and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same.

Upon the report of the committee in the case of Dr. Brockway,

Voted, That this convention do nothing upon the subject at this time.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 11 AND 12, 1825.

At an annual meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Convention, held at Hartford, on the 11th and 12th days of May, A.D. 1825,

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *President;* ELI IVES, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several County Societies, viz.:

Hartford County—Eli Todd, M.D., Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., George Sumner, Charles Woodward. Julius S. Barnes, M.D. *New Haven County*—Eli Ives, M.D., Isaac Jennings, Lyman Parker, John Titsworth, M.D., Reynold Webb, M.D. *New London County*—Nathaniel S. Perkins, John O. Minor, M.D., William P. Eaton, M.D., Sylvester Wooster, Archibald Mercer. *Litchfield County*—Warren R. Fowler, M.D., William Buell, M.D., Roswell Abernethy, Conant Catlin, Luther Ticknor. *Fairfield County*—Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Samuel Simons, William J. Shelton, Cyrenus H. Booth, M.D., John Tomlinson. *Windham County*—Andrew Harris, Waldo Hutchins, Chester Hunt, William Webb, M.D., Elijah Baldwin. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, M.D., Samuel Carter, M.D., Frederick Morgan, M.D. *Tolland County*—Allen Hyde, Orrin Hunt, Abijah Ladd.

The following gentlemen are the Clerks in their several Counties, viz.:

Edward P. Terry, *Hartford County;* Charles Hooker, *New Haven;* Richard P. Tracy, *New London;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield;* Horatio Gridley, *Litchfield;* Waldo Hutchins, *Windham;* Richard Warner, *Middlesex;* Eleazer Hunt, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. William Buell, Warren R. Fowler, and Samuel B. Woodward, be the committee of examination for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Samuel B. Woodward, and Thomas Miner, be a committee on the part of this convention to nominate professors in the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Eli Ives, Thomas Miner, William Buell, and John S. Peters, be a committee to nominate a Superintendent to the Retreat for the Insane.

A communication having been read from the President, it was

Voted, To refer so much of it as relates to the establishment of a general hospital in this State to the following committee, viz.: Drs. S. B. Woodward, Thomas Miner, and Eli Ives.

Such parts of the same communication as relates to the bodies of criminals executed in this State, and of those who die in Newgate prison, be referred to the following committee, viz.: Drs. Baldwin, Harris, and Eaton.

And so much of the same as relates to the charter of the convention, be referred to the following committee, viz.: Drs. Knight, Peters, and S. B. Woodward.

The Treasurer's report having been read, Drs. Abernethy and Catlin were appointed a committee to audit the same.

Voted, That the President be directed to sign a petition to the General Assembly, praying that medical students be exempted from military duty, and that Dr. Peters be requested to present the same to the Assembly for their consideration.

Voted, That Drs. S. B. Woodward, Knight, Eaton, Webb, Middlebrook, Buell, Hyde, and Carter, be a committee to recommend to this convention such persons as they may think worthy of the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The following persons were recommended in the several Counties to attend a gratuitous course of lectures at the Medical College the ensuing season, viz.:

Hartford County, Daniel Hosford; *New Haven*, Stephen Hardyear; *Litchfield*, William Carrington; *New London*, Christopher E. Hill; *Fairfield*, James H. Shelton; *Windham*, ——— Morgan; *Middlesex*, Merrit H. Williams; *Tolland*, Horatio Thomson.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, and to allow the Treasurer $10 for his services the past year.

Voted, That the convention highly approve the design of Professor Hall, as communicated by him, and will cheerfully coöperate with him in his laudable undertaking, and that the President of the convention be directed to give Professor Hall a letter of introduction to the members of the Medical Society.

The Secretary is directed to transmit a copy of this vote to Professor Hall.

Voted, That Drs. Knight and Simons, be a committee on unfinished business.

Resolved, That hereafter no person shall be recommended by this convention for the degree of M.D., unless he shall have the votes of two-thirds of the members present in convention.

Voted, That Drs. Knight, Titsworth, and C. Catlin, be appointed to read dissertations before the next convention.

Voted, That a tax of $1.00 be laid on each member of the county Societies for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Drs. Wm. Webb, and Ticknor, be appointed a Committee on Debentures.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on honorary degrees, and to recommend Drs. Thomas J. Wells, Roswell Abernethy, and Gideon Beardsley, to the President and Fellows of Yale College as worthy of that honor.

Voted, That the report of the committee concerning a general hospital in this State be accepted.

Voted, That from and after the first day of May, 1826, so much money as may arise from the degrees of M.D., conferred on students applying for that honor, which is $5.00 on each degree so conferred, and which was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of this convention, shall be by him put at interest, and reserved for an hospital fund; provided that an hospital with a fund of $10,000 be established within five years. This hospital to be so located as best to subserve the interest of the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, To accept the report of the Treasurer.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of the alteration of the charter of the convention be accepted, and that Drs. Knight and Peters, be a committee to apply to the Legislature for the proposed alteration.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on debentures; and to direct the Treasurer to pay the same.

Voted, That those persons who have been, or may hereafter be elected to the office of President of the Connecticut Medical Convention, shall thereafter be honorary Fellows of the same, and be admitted to the sittings of the convention.

Voted, That the committee appointed by the last convention, upon the subject of the fees to be paid by those who receive the degree of M.D., be discharged.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

MAY 10 AND 11, 1826.

At an annual meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at New Haven on the 10th and 11th days of May, A. D. 1826.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:

THOMAS HUBBARD, M.D., *President;* ELI IVES, M.D., *Vice-President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Treasurer;* JONATHAN KNIGHT, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., Elijah F. Reed, M.D., James O. Pond, Charles Woodward, J. L. Comstock. *New Haven County*—Nathan Smith, M.D., Isaac Goodsell, Isaac Jennings, Charles Hooker, M,D., Jacob Linsley. *New London County*—Thomas J. Wells, M.D., Lucius Tyler, John C. Tibbets, Reuben Burgess, Dyer T. Brainard. *Litchfield County*—Samuel Buell, Conant Catlin, Johnson C. Hatch, Samuel W. Gold, John M. West. *Fairfield County*—Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Orris J. Taylor, John Judson, Samuel Simons. Daniel Wyford. *Windham County*—Andrew Harris, Joseph Palmer, Earl Swift, Archibald Welch, Luther Manning. *Middlesex County*—Thomas Miner, M.D., Rufus Turner, Richard Warner, M.D. *Tolland County*—Eleazar Hunt, Orrin Hunt, Alden Skinner.

The following gentlemen are the Clerks of the several county meetings, viz.:

S. W. Brown, *Hartford County;* Charles Hooker, *New Haven;* B. F. Stoddard, *New London;* Elijah Middlebrook, *Fairfield;* Samuel R. Childs, *Litchfield;* William Hutchins, *Windham;* Richard Warner, *Middlesex;* Chauncey Burgess, *Tolland.*

Voted, That Drs. William Buel, Silas Fuller, and Warren R. Fowler, be the Committee of Examination for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Samuel B. Woodward, and Thomas Miner, be a committee on the part of this Society to nominate Professors in the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Eli Ives, Thomas Miner,

William Buel, and John S. Peters, be a committee to nominate a superintendent to the Retreat for the Insane.

Voted, That Drs. S. B. Woodward, Ives, Middlebrook, Wells, Hubbard. Buel, Miner, and E. Hunt, be a committee to recommend to this convention such persons as they may think worthy of the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, That Drs. Knight, Minor, and Ives, be a committee to consider and to report upon the subject presented to the convention by a circular from the Vermont Medical Society.

A communication having been read from the President, it was,

Voted, To refer so much of it as relates to the admission of honorary members to the committee appointed to recommend suitable persons for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The following persons were recommended in the several counties to attend a gratuitous course of lectures at the Medical College the ensuing season, viz.:

Hartford, ——— ———; *New Haven*, John P. Herrick; *Fairfield*, Mortimer N. Shelton; *New London*, Gurdon Tyler; *Windham*, Jared Fuller; *Litchfield*, ——— Irving; *Middlesex*, Isaiah R. Wilcox; *Tolland*, Nelson Isham.

Voted, That Drs. Middlebrook and Comstock, be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Drs. S. B. Woodward, Hooker, Simons, Brainard, Harris, Catlin, Turner, and O. Hunt, be a committee to revise the by-laws of the Society; especially such of them as relate to the admission of members to the Society, and their dismission from the same.

Voted, That Drs. Knight, S. B. Woodward, and Catlin, be appointed to read dissertations before the next convention.

Voted, That Drs. Tibbetts, Taylor, and Warner, be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Society for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Secretary furnish the editor of the *Connecticut Register* with a list of the members of the Society, with their places of residence.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on honorary degrees, and to recommend Drs. Isaac Goodsell, Samuel Buel, Henry Fisk, Eleazer Hunt, Andrew Harris, and Dyer T. Brainard,

to the President and Fellows of Yale College, as worthy of that honor.

Voted, To accept the report of the same committee on the subject of honorary members.

The following persons were duly elected honorary members of the Society, viz :

Drs. James Jackson, and John C. Warren of Boston; Samuel L. Mitchell, David Hosack, and Wright Post of New York; Benjamin Silliman of New Haven; George McLean of Philadelphia; John Mackie of Providence, R. I.; Charles Eldridge of East Greenock, R. I.; Theodore R. Beck of Albany; and James Thacher of Plymouth, Mass.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to call upon those indebted to the Society for an immediate settlement of their accounts; and in all cases where he may have reason to think that moneys are retained in the hands of Clerks of the Counties, and that they are able to pay the same, that he be directed, after due notice, to institute suits for the recovery of the same.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to answer the letter from the Vermont Medical Society; approving the object of their communication, and stating the difficulties, arising from the organization of this Society, and the Medical Institution of Yale College, which will probably prevent an immediate compliance with their request.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of the by laws, as amended by the convention, be accepted; and that the by-laws recommended by said committee, together with those added by this convention, be adopted as the by-laws of the Society.

Voted unanimously, That we highly approve of the design to establish a General Hospital in the City of New Haven, and that Doctors Ives, Knight and Hooker be a committee to procure an Act of Incorporation of a Society to establish the same, and to endeavor to procure pecuniary aid from the Legislature of the State, and from such other sources as they may think best.

Voted, To accept and approve the report of the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, To accept and approve of the Treasurer's report, and to allow him ten dollars for his services the past year.

Voted, To accept the proposition of the professors of the

Medical Institution of Yale College; and to appoint Doctors Hooker, Beers, and Harris a committee to endeavor to carry the object of it into operation.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee on Debentures, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary*.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Be it ordained, 1. The county meetings shall have power to dismiss from the Society such members as may have retired from the practice of the profession, and to make such regulations as they may think best for the admission of members into the Society; provided that no person who has commenced practice since the year 1800 shall be admitted a member, who has not been regularly licensed to practice.

2. That the late act of incorporation be so construed as to include as members all physicians and surgeons who have commenced practice since the union of the Connecticut Medical Society with the Corporation of Yale College.

3. All former resolutions of the county meetings for the expulsion and honorable dismission of members shall be considered as valid.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all the transactions of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society in their convention, give true copies of the same when thereto requested, conduct their correspondence, and have the custody of the seal of the Society.

The Secretary shall be required to take the following oath, viz.:

You, A. B., being chosen Secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society, do swear that you will record all votes of the President and Fellows, and give true copies when thereto requested, and faithfully perform all the duties relating to said office, *so help you God*.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to keep the money of the Society, subject to their orders, and to render annually to the President and Fellows, an account of all moneys received and paid by him.

6. The President and Fellows shall each receive $2 for his

attendance in the convention, and 12½ cents for each mile's travel, from the place of his residence, to the place of the convention.

7. The Fellows of this Society, shall be a committee of abatements in their respective counties.

8. No debenture shall be paid by the Treasurer that is more than seventeen years old.

9. If any member of this Society shall make and vend any nostrum or patent medicine, and be thereof convicted, he shall be expelled from the Society.

10. It shall be the duty of each member of the Society to accuse any other member of the Society for such misdemeanors as he deems contrary to the by-laws of the same. And the accuser shall make a statement in writing of the transactions which he deems a misdemeanor, and lay the same before a Fellow of the Society; and such Fellow shall issue a notification to the accused to appear before the President and Fellows at their next convention, stating the time and place of their sitting, to defend, if he see cause, against said accusation. A copy of the said accusation and notification shall be left with the accused, or at his last usual place of abode, at least twelve days previously to the next convention of the President and Fellows. And the accuser shall cause the said accusation and notification to be served and returned to the President and Fellows on the first day of their sitting.

11. The several county meetings are hereby authorized to make such regulations as their local circumstances may require, *provided*, that such regulations be not contrary to the laws of the State or the by-laws of this Society.

12. All breaches of the regulations of the county meetings shall be prosecuted and tried by the said meetings in the same manner as violations of the by-laws of this Society, and directed to be prosecuted and tried by the President and Fellows.

13. When any new Clerk is chosen in any of the counties, his predecessor shall deliver over to him all the records and papers appertaining to the office, retaining copies of the same if he thinks proper.

The Clerks of the several county meetings shall take the following oath, viz.:

You, A B, being chosen Clerk of the meeting of the Medical Society of the County of ——, do swear that you will record all votes of said meetings, and give true copies of the same when thereto requested, *so help you God.*

14. Each member of the Society shall have free access to the records of the Society, and of the county meetings to which he belongs, and may take attested copies thereof if he requests them.

15. Each person receiving a license to practice from this Society shall pay the sum of $4 to the Clerk of the Committee of Examination, who shall account with the Treasurer for the same.

16. The clerks of the several county meetings shall on or before the first day of the session of the President and Fellows in May of each year, deliver over to the Treasurer a list of the members of the Society residing in the several counties.

17. Any member of this Society may be permitted to be present at the meetings of the President and Fellows.

18. No member of this Society shall, in future, be called on for a tax that shall have been laid after he has arrived at the age of sixty years.

Adopted in convention.

Test, J. KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

May 11, 1825.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 9 AND 10, 1827.

At the annual meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at Hartford on the 9th and 10th days of May A.D., 1827, the following officers were chosen for the year ensuing, viz.:

ELI TODD, *President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Vice-President;* WILLIAM BUEL, M.D., *Treasurer;* SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Eli Todd, M.D., Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., George Sumner, M.D., Wm. S. Pierson, M.D., Caleb A. Austin. *New Haven County*—Nathan Smith, M.D., Willis Woodruff, Isaac Jennings, Timothy P. Beers, M.D., Alfred T. Munson, M.D. *New London County*—Nathaniel S. Perkins, Dyer T. Brainard, Wm. W. Miner, Thos. T. Wells, M.D., Benj. F. Stoddard. *Litchfield County*—Jehiel Williams, M. D., Gaylord Wells, Lyman Catlin, Samuel R. Childs, Luther Ticknor. *Fairfield County*—Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Jesse Goulding, Samuel Simons, Wm. T. Shelton, Daniel Wyford. *Windham County*—Josiah Fuller, M.D., Joseph Palmer, M.D., Asa Witter, Wm. A. Brewster, Harvey Campbell. *Middlesex County*—Samuel Carter, M.D., Edward S. Cone, Daniel Platts, M.D. *Tolland County*—Jabez L. White, Abijah Ladd, Chauncey Burgess.

The following gentlemen are clerks of the several counties, viz.:

Samuel W. Brown, *Hartford County;* Charles Hooker, *New Haven County;* Benjamin F. Stoddard, *New London County;* William Hutchins, *Windham County;* Richard Warner, *Middlesex County;* Samuel Simons, *Fairfield County;* Samnel R. Childs, *Litchfield County;* Chauncey Burgess, *Tolland County.*

Voted, That Drs. Elijah Middlebrook, Silas Fuller, and Thomas Miner be the committee of examination for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Drs. Jehiel Williams, Isaac Jennings, and Joseph Palmer be a committee on the part of the Society to nominate professors in the Medical Institution of Yale College.

Voted, That Drs. Thomas Hubbard, Eli Ives, John S. Peters, William Buel, and Josiah Fuller be a committee to nominate a Superintendent Physician to the Retreat for the Insane.

Voted, That Drs. Jehiel Williams, Elijah Middlebrook, Samuel Carter, Dyer T. Brainard, Jabez L. White, Josiah Fuller, Timothy P. Beers, and George Sumner, one from a county, be a committee to recommend to this convention such persons as they may think worthy of the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on Honorary Degrees, and to recommend Drs. James O. Pond, Gaylord Wells. John Andrews, Archibald Mercer, Elijah Baldwin, and Samuel Simons as worthy of that honor.

Voted, That Drs. Thos. Hubbard, Alfred S. Munson, Nathaniel J. Perkins, E. Middlebrook, L. Ticknor, J. L. White, E. S. Cone, and C. H. Austin be a committee to recommend honorary members.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of Honorary Members be accepted.

The following persons were duly elected: Drs. Edward Delafield of New York; John Delamater, Albany; Wm. P. Dewees, Philadelphia; Joseph White, Cherry Valley, N. Y.; Jacob Bigelow and Walter Channing, Boston.

Voted, That Drs. Jehiel Williams, Edward S. Cone, and Joseph Palmer be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The committee to audit the account of the Treasurer, reported that they found it correct as stated in the Treasurer's report; report accepted.

Communications from Drs. Mitchel, Hosack, Thatcher, Jackson, Warren, and Beck, on the subject of their appointment as honorary members, were read and ordered on file.

Voted, That all motions made to the convention be in writing.

Communications were received from Drs. Silas Fuller and Chauncey Burgess relating to difficulties existing between them, and were referred to a committee of one from a county. The following gentlemen were chosen the committee: Drs. Palmer, Bass, T. L. Wells, Plaats, Simons, Pierson, Ladd, and G. Wells.

Voted, That this convention earnestly recommend to the differing parties to have an interview and endeavor to settle their own difficulties.

Report of committee on the above subject accepted. The purport of which was that if the Secretary received no notice of settlement by the first day of July next, he shall notify the committee appointed to settle the differences, who shall immediately appoint a time and place to meet the parties, and shall meet and examine testimony, and report facts, with their opinion upon them, to the next convention. The following gentlemen were named by the President as the committee: Drs. John R. Watrous, John O. Miner, and William Buel.

Voted, That Drs. Sumner, Carter, and Brainard be a committee to consider the subject of small-pox and other contagious diseases, and enquire into the expediency of petitioning the Legislature to repeal or modify the existing laws on the subject.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee on the subject and that Drs. Hubbard, N. Smith, and J. S. Peters be a committee to draft a Memorial and present it to the Legislature requesting such repeal or modification.

Voted, That the communications from the Medical Societies of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, South Carolina, and Massachusetts on the subject of uniformity with respect to medical degrees was referred to a committee of three, viz.: Drs. S. B. Woodward, Sumner, and Thos. L. Wells.

The committee reported to meet the delegates from the Medical Colleges and Societies by delegates from this one. Report accepted, and Drs. Woodward and Sumner appointed for the purpose.

Voted, That Drs. Eli Ives, Pierson, W. W. Miner, Childs, Brewster, Cone, White, and Goulding be a committee to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to regulate apothecary establishments by law.

Committee reported in favor of such petition which was accepted, and Drs Peters, Hubbard, Middlebrook, Miner, and Webb were appointed to prepare and present the same.

Voted, To accept and approve of the report of the Treasurer for the year past.

Voted unanimously, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the late Treasurer for the uniform accuracy and fidelity with which his duties have been performed.

Voted, That Dr. Jehiel Williams be appointed Treasurer, *pro*

tem., in the absence of Dr. Buel, and that he deliver the books and papers to the new Treasurer.

Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of the Society be presented to our late President for the dignity and candor with which he has presided over its debates, and for the interest which he has uniformly displayed for the advancement of medical success, and especially of this Society.

Voted, That Dr. Sumner be a committee to communicate the same to the late President.

Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the late Secretary for the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Voted, That the Committee to attend the meeting at Northampton in June next, be allowed the same compensation for travel and attendance which is paid to the members of this convention.

Dissertation read by Dr. S. B. Woodward.

Voted, That the thanks of this convention be presented to Dr. Woodward for his very interesting dissertation on the Biography of the Physicians of the State, and that a copy of the same be requested.

Voted, To appoint three dissertators for the next convention. Drs Ticknor, D. T. Brainard, and Pierson were appointed.

Voted, That this convention do consider it beneath the dignity of any regular practitioner of medicine or surgery to recommend in print or writing any patent or quack medicine, and if any member of the Connecticut Medical Society shall so recommend any such medicine without affixing a complete recipe of the same, stating the articles of which the medicine is compounded, and the manner of preparation, he shall be liable to be expelled in the same manner as those physicians and surgeons, that make, vend, or sell patent medicines.

Voted. That with the certificates announcing the appointment of Fellows, the clerks be directed to forward to the Secretary on the first day of the convention, (and a duplicate to the Treasurer,) the names of members of the society in their respective counties and their places of residence. And if any clerk shall neglect to perform this duty he shall not be entitled to the 5 *per centum* compensation for his collections.

Voted, That the clerks of the several counties, be required to

transmit the names of the Fellows chosen in the several counties to the Secretary in season for publication in a newspaper; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to publish the same at least one week before the next convention.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be levied on each member, payable on demand.

Voted, That Drs. Lyman, Catlin, Asa Witter, and Daniel Platts be a committee to make out debentures.

Voted, That the report of the committee on the subject of debentures be accepted, and the amount of the bills be paid by the Treasurer.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to publish a list of the officers and members of this convention, and an abstract of the proceedings in some public newspaper.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

Test, SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW HAVEN,

MAY 14 AND 15, 1828.

At the Annual Meeting of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at New Haven on the 14th and 15th days of May, 1828, the following officers were chosen for the year ensuing, viz.:

ELI TODD, M.D., *President;* JOHN S. PETERS, M.D., *Vice-President;* WILLIAM BUELL, M.D., *Treasurer;* S. B. WOODWARD, M.D., *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several counties, viz.:

Hartford County—Elijah F. Reed, M.D., Horatio Gridley, M.D., George Sumner, M.D., S. W. Brown, M.D., Edward P. Terry, M.D; Wm. J. Barry, *Clerk.*

New Haven County—Jonathan Knight, M.D., Bela Farnham, M.D., Virgil M. Dow, M.D., Samuel Punderson, Joel Canfield, Alfred S. Munson, M.D., *Clerk.*

New London County—Lucius Tyler, Joseph Comstock, M.D., Benj. F. Stoddard, Mason Manning, Eleazer B. Downing, John C. Tibbetts, Jewett City, *Clerk.*

Fairfield County—Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Samuel Simons, M.D.; Daniel Ufford, John A. McClean, M.D., Wm. T. Shelton, Samuel Simons, Bridgeport, *Clerk.*

Litchfield County—William Buell, M.D., Benj. Welch, Jr., M D, Johnson C. Hatch, Joel C. Candee, M.D., Conant Catlin, M.D., Samuel R. Childs.

Windham County—Elijah Baldwin, M.D., Darius Hutchins; Hiram Holt, Wm. H. Cogswell, M.D., Morey Burgess, William Hutchins, Brooklyn, *Clerk.*

Middlesex County—Henry Woodward, M.D., Samuel Carter, M.D.; Rufus Turner, M.D., Richard Warner, East Haddam, *Clerk.*

Tolland County—Silas Fuller, M.D., Horatio Dow, M.D., Archibald Welch, M.D., Oliver K. Isham, Tolland, *Clerk.*

Standing Committees—Committee of Examination: Silas Fuller, M.D., John O. Miner, M. D., Conant Catlin, M.D. Committee to nominate Professors: Jehiel Williams, M.D., Elijah Middlebrook, M.D., Isaac Jennings, M.D. Committee to nominate Superintend-

ent Physician of the Retreat for the Insane: Thos. Hubbard, Eli Ives, Jno. S. Peters, Wm. Buell, Josiah Fuller.

The oath presented by law, was administered to the Secretary by Bela Farnham, Esq., M.D.

On motion of Dr. Sumner, *Resolved*, That hereafter the committee of Examination, the committee appointed to nominate Professors in the Medical Institution, and the committee to nominate Physicians to the Retreat for the Insane, shall be chosen by the ballot; and that all other committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the convention.

On motion of Dr. Knight: *Voted;* That the committee which shall be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, be directed to examine and report to this convention the state of the accounts between the Treasurer and the late Secretary.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire what measures shall be adopted by this society to forward the establishment of a General Hospital, and report to this convention.

Drs. S. B. Woodward, Wm. Buell, and Geo. Sumner were appointed as this committee.

The report of the convention of delegates at Northampton on the subject of Medical Education was read, and the principles and regulations proposed by it amply discussed.

Voted, That the regulations adopted by the convention of medical delegates, held at Northampton on the 20th and 21st day of June, 1827, be approved by this convention.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to petition the Legislature, if they deem it expedient, so to vary the statute laws on the subject as that they conform to such regulations as shall finally be agreed upon by the societies and medical institutions establishing the same.

Drs. Samuel B. Woodward, John S. Peters, George Sumner, were appointed as this committee.

Dr. Dow was appointed a committee to publish a catalogue of the officers and fellows of the convention, for the use of the members.

A communication was received by the convention from the Rev. Mr. Leavett, agent of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance, requesting the privilege of addressing the Society.

Voted, That the convention will hear Mr. Leavett at 5 o'clock, P.M. Communications were received and read from Drs. Joseph

White, Wm. P. Dewees, Edward Delafield, and Walter Channing, acknowledging their acceptance of the honorary membership, which were ordered on file.

A writ of election was received from the presidents of the convention which formed the Pharmacopœia, directing that three persons be balloted for in New England, who are to meet others from different sections of the Union, to revise and improve the National Pharmacopœia.

The convention proceeded to ballot. Drs. Eli Ives of New Haven, Jacob Bigelow of Boston, and William Tully of Castleton, Vermont, received the highest number of votes, and were designated as the choice of the convention.

Voted, To appoint a committee of one from a county, to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Drs. William Buell, Jno. Knight, Edward P. Terry, Elijah Middlebrook, John S. Peters, Joseph Comstock, Samuel Carter, Elijah Baldwin, were appointed as this committee.

The following gentlemen received the nomination: Drs. Conant Catlin, Isaac Jennings, Luther Manning, Jabez L. White, Wm. Robinson, Joshua Cornwall, Henry Woodward.

Voted, To appoint a committee of one from a county to nominate honorary members.

Drs. Horatio Gridley, Samuel Simons, Benj. Welch, Jr., Horatio Dow, Samuel Punderson, Joseph Comstock, Henry Woodward, Wm. H. Cogswell, were appointed as this committee.

The committee reported the following list, which was approved: Drs. Philip S. Physic, Philadelphia; J. Heermann, U. S. Navy; Daniel Drake, Cincinnati; Henry Mitchell, Norwich, N. Y.; Nathan R. Smith, Baltimore.

Voted, To appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Drs. E. Middlebrook and A. Welch were appointed as this committee.

The committee reported:

Cash in the treasury, - - - -	$86.79
Due from clerks, - - - - -	450.10
From Dr. Knight, for licenses, - - -	36.00
Received for degrees of Doctor of Medicine by Dr. Knight,	140.00
Balance in his hands of old accounts, - -	50.70
	$763.59

Voted, To appoint a committee to make out the debenture bill, to consist of two members.

Drs. Rufus Turner and Hiram Holt, committee.

The Treasurer's report read and accepted and ordered on file.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Society pay to the central committee appointed to publish the report of the Northampton Convention, ten dollars to defray the proportional part of the expenses of such publication.

The committee on the subject of a General Hospital reported the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the five dollars received for each medical degree already appropriated to the establishment of a General Hospital, be given unreservedly to the General Hospital Society.

That the condition of previously raising $10,000 on the part of the society be dispensed with, both as respects past and future receipts, and that hereafter five dollars on each medical degree be appropriated to that object during the pleasure of the convention.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to meet the committee of both houses of the Legislature, and state the views and wishes of this convention on the subject of a general hospital.

Samuel B. Woodward, John S. Peters, William Buell, committee.

The committee fulfilled the duty assigned them.

The petition to the convention from the county of Tolland, asking an increase of Fellows for that county, was referred to a committee, with instructions to take into consideration the expediency of changing the proportion of Fellows from the several counties. Committee to consist of one from a county.

Drs. S. Carter, W. T. Shelton, L. Tyler, H. Holt, J. Knight, H. Dow, C. Catlin, and S. W. Brown, committee.

The committee reported that it is inexpedient to make any alteration for the present. Report accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Leavett addressed the Society on the subject of Temperance.

The President returned thanks to Mr. Leavett in behalf of the Society, and pledged their co-operation in all reasonable measures on the subject.

Resolved, That a committee of one from a county be appointed to report to this convention, what measures are proper to be taken by this convention to promote the objects of the American Society for the promotion of Temperance.

Drs. Geo. Sumner, Wm. T. Shelton, J. G. Candee, A. Welch, J. Knight, J. Comstock, W. H. Cogswell, and H. Woodward, the committee.

Report. In the opinion of this committee the object for which the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance was established is an important one, and all reasonable measures, calculated to secure that object, are entitled to the countenance and support of the medical profession. The evil which that society aims to eradicate is one of no common magnitude. Intemperance robs individuals of their property and their health. It steals from families all the charms and all the comforts of the domestic circle. It deprives our country of those citizens who should have been among its brightest ornaments. It does more: it renders its victim wretched while he lives; the dregs of that cup to which he daily resorts will embitter his last moments, and while his approach to the grave is shrouded in darkness, his prospect of happiness beyond it is entirely annihilated. It brings upon families a weight of affliction which no human fortitude can sustain; in its retinue are poverty, and all the ills which flesh is heir to. It has already brought upon our country a reproach which the wise and the good will long labor to remove. It gives to diseases a character which they do not naturally possess; it renders those which are mild, severe, and those which are severe, fatal. No medicine can withstand the progress of maladies which are aggravated by the habitual use of ardent spirits,—no skill can divert them from a fatal termination. It is therefore important to us, as we value the character of the medical profession, that we unite our efforts to remove this opprobrium, and as we love our country, that we labor to conquer this its greatest and most dangerous foe. We may reasonably suppose that some diversity of sentiment will prevail respecting the measures by which this desirable object is to be obtained. The cause in which we are engaged is a good cause, and it will ultimately prevail, for the great and the good in the land are engaged in its defense. In the opinion of your committee the proceedings of some respectable societies which have acted upon this subject are calculated to do harm.

The cause of temperance is not to be promoted by intemperate measures; nor will the abuse of ardent spirits be counteracted by indiscriminately opposing their use in those cases of disease, in which their utility has rarely been called in question. All agree

that the example of medical men will have an influence upon society at large, and that the opinions of the profession, maintained by a consistent practice, will not be disregarded. A resolution formed with these views will be presented to the consideration of the convention, and we trust will receive its sanction.

The question is sometimes asked, what substitutes shall we recommend to those who are resolved to abstain from the use of ardent spirits?

In general, we consider it bad policy to substitute one evil for another—and whenever a person has so long been in the habit of using ardent spirits, that his stomach demands a substitute, the only safe course for him will be to practice total abstinence. Abstinence not merely from ardent spirits, but from all stimulants of a kindred character. But there are liquors which Providence designed for our good, and which in *moderate* quantities may prove subservient to our health and pleasure—such are considered wine, cider, and malt liquors generally, which we mention, not with a view to recommend their use, but to guard against their abuse. There is some danger, lest in our zeal to eradicate the use of ardent spirits, we should overlook the necessity of guarding against the improper use of the above articles. Many a man whose daily potations are confined to them, and who imagines that he drinks under the favorable auspices of a temperate society, that the quality of his beverage will secure him from the ill effects of its injudicious use, and that there is no danger in the course which he is pursuing, will find perhaps, when it is too late, that he has been mistaken and that he has been ruined.

With these views the committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention, the use of ardent spirits is unnecessary in health, that the habitual use of the same is destructive of private health and public morality, and that their excessive use is one of the most frequent causes of incurable diseases.

2d. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention, although the moderate use of wine, cider, and malt liquors, is not injurious to health, the immoderate use of the same articles is, like ardent spirits, injurious to health and good morals.

3d. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention, ardent spirits have no tendency to protect the system from disease; that

on the other hand, they render the system more susceptible of contagion and other causes of disease, and, consequently, that it is the duty of physicians to abstain entirely from the use of ardent spirits in their intercourse with the sick, and to recommend the same rigid abstinence to nurses and attendants.

4th. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention, the habitual use of ardent spirits not only renders the human system more susceptible of diseases, but increases their violence and renders them more fatal.

5th. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention the use of ardent spirits by puerperal and nursing women has an injurious effect upon their offspring, and is frequently the cause of disease and intemperance in both the mother and child.

On motion of Dr. Gridley, *Resolved*, That the report of the committee on the subject of temperance, together with the resolutions accompanying the same, and an abstract of the doings of this convention, be published by the Society in the public papers.

A petition was presented from Dr. Azariah Perkins for a diploma, he having lost one granted him by the Medical Society.

Voted, To refer the petition to a committee of three, Drs. Benj. Welch, Jr., J. C. Hatch, and Joel Canfield.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were approved and adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the convention and the Clerk of the committee of examination, be authorized to grant a new license free of expense to any person who has been previously licensed according to the Laws of this State, upon satisfactory proof being exhibited to them that such previous license has been lost.

Report of the committee on the subject of the controversy between Drs. Silas Fuller and Chauncey Burgess, showing that the difficulties existing between them were amicably adjusted, was read and approved. And the bills of the committee were directed to be paid.

Voted, That two persons be chosen by ballot to read dissertations to the next convention.

Drs. Jonathan Knight and George Sumner were appointed.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Society for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Dr. Chauncey Andrus agreeably to his request be allowed to withdraw from this Society.

Resolved, By this convention, that those Clerks who do not report the names of the members and their places of residence to the Treasurer and Secretary, according to the laws of the convention, shall be subject to a fine of five dollars, to be collected by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to sketch those acts of this convention which relate to the duties of the clerks, and procure the publication with the proceedings of this convention.

Adjourned *sine die*.

SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, *Secretary*.

May, 1828.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HARTFORD,

MAY 13 AND 14, 1829.

At an annual convention of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, held at Hartford on the 13th and 14th days of May, 1829, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year, Eli Todd, M.D., having declined a re-election.

The Hon. JOHN S. PETERS, *President;* WILLIAM BUEL, M.D., *Vice-President;* SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, M.D., *Secretary;* JOSEPH PALMER, M.D., *Treasurer.*

The following gentlemen were returned as Fellows from the several Counties:

County of Hartford—George Sumner, M.D., Charles Woodward, Elijah F. Reed, M.D., Horatio Gridley, Ralph Carter.

County of New Haven—Eli Ives, M.D., Isaac Goodsell, M.D., Reynold Webb, M.D., Charles Hooker, M.D., Lyman Parker.

County of New London—Dyer T. Brainard, M.D., Nathan Tisdale, M.D., John O. Miner, M.D., Nathaniel S. Perkins, M.D., John C. Tibbetts, M.D.

Fairfield County—Samuel Simons, M.D., Sturges Bulkley, Lloyd Seeley, George Blackman, M.D., T. D. Shepard.

County of Windham—Andrew Harris, M.D., Joseph Palmer, M.D., Orin Witter, William Hutchins, M.D., Patrick Carpenter, M.D.

County of Litchfield—Roswell C. Abernethy, M.D., Samuel W. Gold, Luther Ticknor, M.D., James Case, Remus M. Fowler.

County of Middlesex—Thomas Miner, M.D., Henry Woodward, M.D., Samuel Carter, M.D.

County of Tolland—Silas Fuller, M.D., Earl Swift, Oliver K. Isham, M.D.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by ballot:

Committee of Examination: Silas Fuller, M.D., Thomas Miner, M.D., Samuel B. Woodward, M.D.

The oath was administered to the Secretary by the Lieutenant-Governor.

Committee to nominate Professors: Eli Todd, M.D., Andrew Harris, M.D., Thomas Miner, M.D.

Committee to nominate Superintendent Physician to the Retreat for the Insane: Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Eli Ives, M.D., John S. Peters, M.D., William Buell, M.D., George Sumner, M.D.

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each county be appointed to nominate candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and Honorary Members. George Sumner, C. Hooker, D. T. Brainard, George Blackman, Andrew Harris, S. W. Gold, Samuel Carter, Silas Fuller, *Committee.*

The Committee reported the following gentlemen as candidates for the honorary degree, which report was accepted: Nathaniel S. Perkins, Luther Ticknor, Darius Hutchins, and Bela Farnum.

The Committee reported the following gentlemen as candidates for Honorary Membership, which report was accepted.

Valentine Mott, M.D., New York, Samuel White, M.D., Hudson, New York, Reuben D. Mussey, M.D., Professor at Dartmouth College, and William Tully, M.D., President of the Vermont Academy of Medicine.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to publish a catalogue of Members.

Dr. Charles Woodward was appointed.

Resolved, To appoint a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts: Drs. Palmer and Simons, *Committee.*

Resolved, To appoint a Committee to make out the debenture bill.

Drs. C. Woodward and William Hutchins, *Committee.*

Resolved, That two gentlemen be appointed as dissertators for the next Convention, by ballot.

Drs. Hooker and T. S. Perkins were appointed.

A communication from the Clerk of the meeting, for the formation of a State Temperance Society was read, and referred to a Committee. Dr. H. Gridley, *Committee.*

The Committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That this Convention view with satisfaction the happy results of the measures that are in operation for the promotion of Temperance.

Resolved, That three delegates be appointed to represent the Convention in the meeting for forming a State Temperance Society, and express the feelings of this Convention on the subject. Drs. S. B. Woodward, George Sumner, and H. Gridley, *Committee.*

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, one from a County, to take into consideration the expediency of founding an additional professorship in the Medical Institution of Yale College. Drs. S. B. Woodward, Goodsell, Perkins, Simons, Palmer, Ticknor, T. Miner, Fuller, *Committee.*

The Committee reported in favor of an additional professorship, and recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient to add to the number of Professors of the Medical Institution of Yale College, and that there should be an additional fee allowed the same as in the other professorships.

Resolved, That there be a Committee appointed to obtain from the Legislature of the State, authority to appoint an additional number of professors in the Medical Institution of Yale College, with a proportionate increase of fees, whenever the corporation of Yale College and the Medical Society of the State, deem such an increase advisable. Drs. Thomas Hubbard, S. B. Woodward, G. Sumner. *Committee.*

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to bring forward unfinished business. Dr. Gridley and Hooker, *Committee.*

The Committee reported in favor of taking up the subject of licensing Apothecaries. The subject was referred to a committee of one from a County. Drs. Gridley, Goodsell, Tibbetts, Simons, Carpenter, Ticknor, H. Woodward, Isham, *Committee.*

The Committee were instructed to report a Memorial to be presented to the Legislature, which was done and a committee of three appointed to procure its adoption. Drs. Hubbard, S. B. Woodward and Sumner, *Committee.*

The subject was referred to a Committee of the Legislature.

A dissertation was read by Doctor Sumner on Extra-uterine Conception.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to Doctor Sumner for his very interesting dissertation read to-day, and that a copy be requested to be deposited with the Secretary.

Resolved, That Doctor Knight be requested to transmit the dissertation intended for this meeting to the Secretary of the Society, or be prepared to read one at the next Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure an alteration of the laws of the State, fixing the period of pupilage for medical students so that it shall conform to the plan adopted by

the Convention of Delegates at Northampton in 1827. Drs. Thomas Hubbard, S. B. Woodward, and George Sumner, *Committee.*

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Funds of the society are nominally $825.48.

Auditors' report accepted and approved.

Resolved, That ten dollars be allowed the Treasurer for his services the past year.

Resolved, That the Medical Convention do cheerfully recommend Dr. John Skinner, agent of the General Hospital Society, to the attention of the benevolent people of the State, and do cordially approve of the establishment of a General Hospital in the City of New Haven.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to furnish the agent of the General Hospital Society. with a circular stating the objects of that society, and in behalf of this convention, recommend the institution to the benevolent people of the State.

Drs. Goodsell, Knight, and Hooker, *Committee:*

Resolved, That the thanks of this society be presented to the late President for the dignity and candor with which he has presided over its debates, and for the interest he has uniformly displayed for the advancement of medical science, and especially of this society.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to enforce the clerks to a settlement of all arrearages of taxes, previous to the year 1828.

Resolved, That a tax of one dollar be laid on each member of the Medical Society, payable on the first of January, 1830.

Resolved, To accept and approve the report of the Committee on Debentures, and that the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish the proceedings of this convention, with such alterations in the act of incorporation, as may be established by the Legislature now in session.

Adjourned *sine die.*

Test, SAMUEL B. WOODWARD, *Secretary.*

The following gentlemen are the clerks of the several counties: Wm. Jas. Barry, M.D., Hartford; Jeremiah F. Dennison, M.D., New Haven; John C. Tibbetts, M.D., New London; Samuel Si-

mons, M.D., Fairfield; Samuel W. Gold, M.D., Litchfield; Wm. Hutchins, M.D., Windham; Richard Warner, M.D., Middlesex; Oliver K. Isham, M.D., Tolland.

List of members of the society as returned by the clerks, 1829:

Hartford County—Mason F. Cogswell, Sylvester Wells, Eli Todd, Dwell Morgan, Elijah F. Reed, Daniel Fuller, Zephaniah Swift, Benj. Weed, S. B. Woodward, Erastus F. Cook, John L. Comstock, Ralph Carter, Geo. Sumner, Wm. S. Pierson, Samuel Hart, —— Thompson, J. W. Pardee, O. B. Freeman, John Chubbuck, Charles Woodward, Charles Byington, Wm. H. Morgan, Simeon Birge, Phelps Humphrey, Caleb H. Austin, E. P. Terry, Samuel W. Brown, J. D. Wilcox, Richard Ells, A. C. Porter, Pardon Brownell, Cyprian Hart, Horatio Gridley, Wm. Jas. Barry, Maro M. Reed, John W. Crane, W. F. Hudson, H. K. Webster, Hiram Watson, —— Chapman, N. Weaver, —— Converse, —— Williams, —— Loomis, —— Abernethy, —— Morgan, G. H. Brown, —— Collins, —— Badger, Milo L. North.

List of members of New Haven County, 1829—Bela Farnham, Eli Ives, Edward Field, Anson Foot, Timothy P. Beers, Isaac Goodsell, Jonathan Knight, Willoughby L. Lay, Virgil M. Dow, Samuel Punderson, Andrew French, Alfred S. Munson, Isaac Jennings, Lyman Parker, Charles Hooker, Jacob Linsley, Reynold Webb, Josiah M. Colburn, Wyllis Woodruff, Abram L. Smith, Harvey Norton, Joel Canfield, Andrew Castle, Abiram Stoddard, Noah Stone, Hull Allen, Titus C. Pratt, Jehiel Castle, Chauncey B. Foote, Wm. S. Foot, Zerah Hawley, Sheldon C. Johnson, John D. Miers, Joseph Porter, Lucius Spencer, Wm. Olcott, Thos. A. Dutton, Josiah F. Hart, Joseph Tomlinson, Elijah F. Bryan, Charles B. McCarty, Friend Cook, Asa J. Driggs, Arza Andrews, Jeremiah F. Dennison, Nathan B. Ives, John P. Herrick, Increase Harrison, Jerome B. Pomeroy.

List of members in the County of New London, 1829—Elisha North, Thos. Coit, Archibald Mercer, Samuel H. P. Lee, Dyer T. Brainard, Nathaniel S. Perkins, Abel T. Sizer, James Morgan, Wm. P. Eaton, Nathaniel Tisdale, Richard P. Tracy, John O. Miner, Benj. F. Stoddard, Geo. O. Sumner, Joseph Durfey, Richard Noyes, J. C. K. Brockway, —— Munson, John Billings, Avery Downer, Eleazer B. Downing, Mason Manning, Wm. Robinson, Wm. Hyde, Geo. E. Palmer, Lucius Tyler, John C. Tibbetts, Wm. W. Miner, Reuben Burgess, Vine Smith, Rufus Smith, Earl Knight,

Joseph Peabody, Henry C. Brown, Thos. Wattles, Joseph Comstock, Charles Dutton, Elisha Hutchinson, James Rogers.

List of members in the County of Fairfield, 1829—John Tomlinson, John Judson, S. Banks, Wm. T. Shelton, R. B. Botsford, Elijah Middlebrook, C. H. Booth, Lloyd Seeley, John A. McLane, Daniel Ufford, Rufus Blackman, Sturges Bulkley, Samuel Simons, John Goulding, Uriah Parrack, James Baldwin, Stephen Middlebrook, T. D. Lepard, —— Dodge, James A. Shelton, Mortimer M. Shelton, George Dyer, —— Beach, Geo. Blackman.

List of members in the County of Windham, 1829—Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Palmer, Darius Hutchins, Josiah Fuller, Andrew Harris, Andrew Huntington, Wm. A. Brewster, Christopher S. Avery, Elijah Baldwin, Thos. Huntington, Wm. H. Cogswell, Mowry Burgess, Luther Manning, Samuel Bower, Isaac Clark, Alexander H. Overton, Chester Parker, Russell B. Hubbard, Chester Hunt, Hazael Pickham, Orrin Witter, William Webb, Hiram Holt, Harvey Campbell, Dyer Hughes, Asa Witter, John G. Pierce, Samuel Bullock, Wm. Hutchins, Ezekiel Sherman, Patrick Carpenter, David E. Hall, James B. Whitcomb, Eleazer Litchfield, William Witter, Charles F. Morse.

A list of the members in the County of Litchfield, 1829—Wm. Buel, Samuel Buel, Samuel R. Childs, Alanson Abbe, Bushrod Camp, Norman Langdon, J. M. West, A. Peters, G. H. Miner, Samuel W. Gold, Stephen Reed, John Deforest, Joshua Cornwall, Amasa Kellogg, Luther Ticknor, Henry Fish, Adonijah Strong, Benj. Welch, Wm. Carrington, Geo. A. Jarvis, Flavel B. Graham, Andrew DeWolf, Amos Beecher, Gaylord Wells, Joel Candee, Lyman Catlin, Royal Cook, Wm. Woodruff, Conant Catlin, Norman Bull, Roswell C. Abernethy, Frederick B. Woodward, Wm. C. Williams, Jehiel Williams, Geo. Taylor, Reuben Warner, Norman Lyman, Remus M. Fowler, Johnson C. Hatch, Jethro Hatch, John Calhoun, —— Hollister, B. North, Josiah Barnes, Jefferson Stone, Algernon P. Lewis.

List of members in the County of Middlesex, 1829—Thomas Miner, Sylvester Bulkley, Henry Woodward, Edward S. Cone, Austin Olcott, Rufus Turner, Ira Hutchinson, Benj. H. Catlin, Christopher E. Hill, Charles Smith, Francis G. Edgerton, Samuel Carter, Asa H. King, Ulysses Mather, Burr W. Noyes, Henry Holmes, David Harrison, Asa M. Holt, Richard Warner, Datus Williams.

List of members in the County of Tolland, 1829—Silas Fuller, Warren Fuller, John S. Peters, E. D. Ely, Jabez L. White, Oliver K. Isham, Abijah Ladd, Alden Skinner, Joseph C. Dow, Joseph Sibley, Anson Wood, Horatio A. Hamilton, Allen Hyde, Horatio Dow, Eleazer Hunt, Chauncey Burgess, Timothy Dimock, Earl Swift, Archibald Welch, Frederick Morgan.

List of Honorary Members.—Felix Paschales Ouviere, James Jackson, John C. Warren, Samuel S. Mitchell, David Hosack, Wright Post, Benjamin Silliman, Geo. M'Clellan, John Mackie, Chas. Eldridge, Theodore Beck, James Thatcher, Philip S. Physic, J. Heermann, Daniel Drake, Henry Mitchell, Nathan R. Smith, Valentine Mott, Samuel White, Reuben D. Mussey, Wm. Tully, Joseph White, Wm. P. Dewees, Edw. Delafield, Walter Channing.

List of names on whom has been conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Medicine:

1793—Leaverett Hubbard, N. H.; Elihu Tudor, N. H.

1794—Eneas Munson, N. H.; Seth Bird, Phila.; Benj. Rush, Samuel Baird, N. Y.; John Baird, N. Y.

1795—James Potter, Thos. Moseley.

May 17, 1796—James Clark.

1797—Thaddeus Betts, Fairfield.

1798—Theophilus Rogers, Jared Potter.

1799—John Warren, Boston.

1802—Joseph Hamilton, Abraham Tomlinson, John Spalding, Hosea Hurlbut, Eliakim Fish.

1804—Jeremiah West, John R. Watrous, Samuel Mather, Wm. Eustis, Boston.

1807—Joseph Trowbridge.

1810—Mason F. Coggswell; Levi Ives, Eli Perry, Gideon Shephard, Thos. Hubbard, Samuel Woodward.

1812—John Barker, Timothy Hall.

1813—Daniel Sheldon, Eli Todd, Elisha North.

1814—Nathaniel Perry, John Bestor, Solomon Everest, Richard Ely, Joseph Foot.

1815—Joseph Palmer, Jesse Carrington, Sylvester Wells, John L. Miner.

1816—Wm. Shelton, Philemon Tracy, Simeon Field, Penuel Hutchins.

1817—Thomas Coit, Warren R. Fowler, Nathan Howard, John S. Peters, Avery Downer.

1818—Wm. Buell, Thos. Miner, Wm. Tully.

1819—Samuel Rockwell, Joseph Palmer, Jr.

1822—Samuel B. Woodward, Elijah F. Reed, Jehiel Williams, Nathan Tisdale, Samuel Carter.

1823—Josiah Fuller, Austin Olcott, Silas Fuller, Isaac J. Hough.

1824—Andrew Huntington, Noah A. Lacy, Timothy P. Beers, Allen Hyde.

1825—Thos. T. Welles, Roswell C. Abernethy, Gideon Beardsley,

1827—Isaac Goodsell, Samuel Buel, Henry Fish, Eleazer Hunt, Andrew Harris, Dyer T. Brainard, James O. Pond.

1828—Conant Catlin, Isaac Jennings, Luther Manning, Jabez L. White, Wm. Robinson, Joshua Cornwall, Harvey Woodward.

1829—Nathaniel S. Perkins, Bela Farnam, Luther Ticknor, Darius Hutchins.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF THE CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Leverett Hubbard, 1792,
Eneas Munson, 1794,
James Potter, 1801,
Thos. Moseley, 1803,
Jeremiah West, 1804,
John R. Watrous, 1807,
Mason F. Cogswell, 1813,
Thos. Hubbard, 1823,
Eli Todd, 1827,
John S. Peters, 1829.

LIST OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Eneas Munson, 1792,
Elihu Tudor, 1794,
James Potter, 1798,
Thomas Moseley, 1801,
Jeremiah West, 1803,
Jared Potter, 1804,
John R. Watrous, 1806,
Mason F. Cogswell, 1807,
Timothy Hall, 1813,
Thomas Hubbard, 1814,
Eli Todd, 1823,
Eli Ives, 1824,
John S. Peters, 1827,
Wm. Buel, 1829.

LIST OF SECRETARIES OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETIES.

Jared Potter, 1792,
James Clark, 1794,
Daniel Sheldon, 1796,
Nathaniel Perry, 1798,
Samuel Woodward, 1800,
Wm. Shelton, 1801,
John Barker, 1805,
Eli Ives, 1810,
Joseph Foot, 1813,
Jno. Knight, 1816,
Samuel B. Woodward, 1827.

LIST OF TREASURERS.

John Osborn, 1792,
Jeremiah West, 1794,
Mason F. Cogswell, 1795,
Wm. B. Hall, 1799,
Timothy Hall, 1809,
Richard Ely, 1813,
Thos. Miner, 1815,
John S. Peters, 1816,
Wm. Buel, 1827,
Joseph Palmer, 1829.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS

OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

AT THEIR

SPECIAL MEETING IN HARTFORD,

AUGUST 19, 1829.

At a special meeting of the Connecticut Medical Convention, held by appointment at the City Hotel, in Hartford, August 19, 1829, the following gentlemen were present:

Hon. John S. Peters, M.D., President; Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., Secretary; George Sumner, M.D., Charles Woodward, Elijah F. Reed, M.D., Horatio Gridley, M.D., Ralph Carter, Eli Ives, M.D., Isaac Goodsell, M.D., Reynold Webb, M.D., Charles Hooker, M.D., Lyman Parker, John C. Tibbetts, M.D., John O. Minor, M.D., Samuel Simons, M.D., Andrew Harris, M.D., Samuel W. Gold, M.D., Luther Ticknor, M. D., Jonas Case, Thomas Miner, M.D., Earl Swift.

The following gentlemen were elected the Committee for Nominating Professors under the law of 1829:

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Resolved, That this Convention appoint an additional examining committee.

William Buel, M.D., was appointed.

Resolved, That a Committee of Debentures be appointed.

Drs. Charles Woodward, Charles Hooker, committee.

George Sumner, M.D., was appointed Treasurer, *pro tem.*

Resolved, That the *per diem* allowance of two dollars be dispensed with by this convention.

Report of the Debenture Committee accepted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the committee appointed to nominate professors, the same for travel and attendance as is paid to the Fellows who attend the convention.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an Asylum for the Cure of the Intemperate and report to the next convention.

Eli Todd, M.D., Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., Samuel B. Woodward, M.D., George Sumner, M.D., Horatio Gridley, the committee.

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At a Convention of the Medical Society of the State of Connecticut, October, 1809, a committee was appointed to select pieces for publication from such communications as then were in possession of the Secretary, or should be made to them, and to publish them before the meeting of the next Convention. In pursuance of their appointment, a selection has been made of such pieces as in the opinion of the committee were best calculated to answer the design of the Convention.

The committee regret that from some of the counties they have received no communications, nor from several individuals, from whom they flattered themselves that valuable medical information would have been received.

JOHN BARKER,
JOSEPH FOOT,
ELI IVES,
THOMAS GOODSELL, } *Committee.*

New Haven, September, 1810.

NOTE.—Copies of this collection of papers are now quite rare. There is nothing to show *when* these papers were read before the Society, as it was the custom of the Clerk of the Society then to record only the business proceedings.

COMMUNICATIONS

OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

An inquiry into the propriety of using highly stimulating remedies in the PETECHIAL, *or* SPOTTED FEVER, TYPHUS, *and other cases of debility. Also a sketch of the* SYMPTOMS *of the Spotted Fever, and a method of cure proposed.*

EAST HARTFORD, April 10, 1810.

In this inquiry I shall endeavor to point out the *primary* effects of the *cause* of disease, whatever the cause may be, on the human system, in violent cases of *spotted* and other fevers.

And in this place I shall premise, that I understand what Dr. Cullen calls the sedative effect of disease, or of the cause of disease, to be the same on the system as Dr. Brown's over-excitement, Dr. Rush's *defect* of *action*, of *excess* of *force*, and Dr. Wilson's atony from the same cause. These positions I shall endeavor to illustrate by quotations from the above-named authors; and shall afterwards attempt to apply the principles held by Drs. Rush and Wilson to the cure of cases of debility.

Dr. Cullen, in speaking of the proximate cause of fever, says, "To discover the cause of the cold stage of fevers, we may observe, that it is always preceded by strong marks of a general debility prevailing in the system." In speaking of the remote cause of fever Dr. Cullen says, "I shall hereafter endeavor to show that the most noted of the remote causes of fever, as contagion, miasmata, cold, and fear, are of a *sedative* nature, and therefore render it probable that a debility is induced."

Dr. Brown, on the other hand, does not allow that any agent produces a sedative effect on the human system, for he seems to consider every agent capable of producing any change on the living body as an exciting power. These powers he terms stimuli, and

their effects on the living solid, or excitability, he terms excitement. The application of every agent, therefore, to the living body produces excitement, and in proportion as it has this effect it exhausts excitability.

Dr. Brown says, "This mutual relation obtains between the excitability and excitement, that the more weakly the powers have acted, or the less the stimulus has been applied, the more abundant the excitability becomes. The more powerful the stimulus, the excitability becomes the more exhausted." In the latter of these the body is said to be in a state of indirect, and in the former of direct, debility. Dr. Wilson observes here, "Dr. Brown regarded these principles as fully demonstrated, and with a want of caution altogether inexcusable, founded on them his modes of practice, which every one knows is to give stimulants in almost all diseases, whether brought on by too much excitement, in which the excitability, as he supposes, is exhausted; or by too little excitement, where the excitability is accumulated."

I shall now attempt to give Dr. Rush's opinion of this primary effect of disease, or its cause, when suddenly induced, on the system. Dr. Rush says in his outlines of a Theory of Fever, "There is but one exciting cause of fever, and that is stimulus. Heat, alternating with cold, marsh and human miasmata, contagions and poisons of all kinds, intemperance, passions of the mind, etc., all act by a stimulating power only in producing fever."

The following is Dr. Rush's statement of the difference between his opinion and Dr. Brown's on this subject. "The Doctor," he says, "supposes a fever to consist in debility. I do not admit debility to be a disease, but place it wholly in morbid excitement, invited and fixed by previous debility. He makes a fever to consist in a change only of *natural* action of the blood vessels. I maintain that it consists in a *preternatural* and convulsive action of the blood vessels. Lastly, Dr. B. supposes excitement and excitability to be *equally* diffused over the whole body, but in unhealthy proportions to each other. My theory places fever in excitement and excitability *unequally* diffused, manifesting themselves, at the same time, in morbid actions, depression, and debility from abstraction, in different parts of the body. No new excitement from without is infused into the system by the irritants which excite a fever. They only destroy its *equal* and *natural* distribution; for while the arteries are in a plus, the muscles, stomach, and bowels, are in a

minus state of excitement, and the business of medicine is to *equalize* it in the cure of fever. Dr. Rush remarks, that morbid action in the blood vessels, whether it consists in preternatural force and frequency, or preternatural force without frequency, or frequency without force, constitutes fever. Excess in the force and frequency in the pulsations of the arteries have been considered as the characteristic marks of what is called inflammatory fever. There are, however, symptoms which indicate a much greater excess of irritating impressions upon the blood vessels. These are preternatural slowness, intermissions, and depression in the pulse, such as occur in certain malignant fevers. This grade of fever transcends in force that which produces inflammation, and proves fatal in a few hours after it attacks. Such is the force of morbid excitement, that it sometimes *passes suddenly over all its intermediate effects*, and discovers itself *only* in *death*. The following is Dr. R.'s account of the malignant state of fever. It constitutes the highest grade of morbid diathesis. It is known by attacking frequently without a chilly fit, by coma, a depressed, slow, or intermitting pulse, and sometimes by the *absence* of pain, and with a natural temperature or coldness of the skin. It occurs in the plague, in the yellow fever, in the gout, in the small pox, and measles, in the hydrophobia, and after taking *opium* and other *stimulating* substances." [And why, I would ask, may it not occur in the *spotted fever*, as many of the above and following symptoms mentioned by Dr. Rush seem strongly to resemble those which appear in the worst forms of the disease ?] "They are the effect," continues Dr. R., "of such a degree of impression as to prostrate the arterial system and produce a *defect* of *action* from an *excess* of *force*. Such is the excess of force in some instances, in this state of fever, that it induces general convulsions, tetanus, and palsy, and sometimes extinguishes life in a few hours by means of apoplexy or syncope. The less violent degrees of stimulus in this state of fever produce palsy in the blood vessels. It probably begins in the veins and extends gradually to the arteries. It seems further to begin in the extremities of the arteries, and to extend by degrees to their origin in the heart. This is evident in the total absence of pulse which sometimes takes place twenty-four and even forty-eight hours before death. But there are cases in which the palsy affects both the veins and arteries at the same time. The depressed and intermitting pulse which occurs in the beginning of these fevers per-

haps depends upon a tendency to palsy in the arteries, independently of an affection of the heart or brain. This prostrate state of fever more frequently, if not soon removed, terminates in *petechia*, *buboes*, *carbuncles*, abscesses, and mortification according as serum, lymph, or red blood is effused in the viscera, or external parts of the body. These morbid appearances have been ascribed to putrefaction, and the fever has received, from its supposed presence, the name of putrid. The existence of putrefaction in the blood in a fever is rendered improbable by similar appearances with those which have been ascribed to putrefaction, having been produced by *lightning*, by violent commotions of the mind, by extreme *pain*, and by every thing else which produces *sudden* and universal *disorganization* in the fluids and solids of the body." Dr. R. goes on to prove that the above-named symptoms are caused by the *effects* of disease on the blood vessels, and not by any thing putrid in the blood, by several particulars which he mentions, such as an acute pain in the eye, the effects of a certain fish taken into the stomach, which produced a distressing vomiting, a coldness of the extremities, and an absence of pulse. He also mentions the effects of *opium* in large doses producing the *same train* of *symptoms*. Error," continues Dr. R., "is often perpetuated by words. A belief in the putrefaction of the blood has done great mischief in medicine. For which reason I shall reject it hereafter, and substitute in its room the gangrenous state of fever; for what appears to some physicians to be signs of putrefaction are nothing but the issue of a violent inflammation left in the hands of nature, or accelerated by stimulating remedies."

I shall next take a view of Dr. Wilson's opinion of the effects of disease on the system. He seems to adopt the opinion of Drs. Brown and Rush as to the application of agents to the system having a stimulating effect, at least, when moderately applied; but when applied in excess, instead of producing excitement, *atony* is the consequence. He says, "If the change, produced by the agent, be moderate, it proves a stimulus; and with a certain range, the greater the change the greater is the excitement. Beyond this, as we have seen in the instances of opium and distilled spirits, it occasions debility, and when excessive death. When the change produced is consistent with the health of the parts on which the agent acts, excitement is the consequence; but when the change is sufficient to *derange* the mechanism of the living solid, if I may

use the expression, its immediate effects are debility or death. Dr. W. in summing up the facts which he thinks Dr. B. overlooked in forming the great outlines of his hypothesis, says, every agent is capable of producing either excitement or atony, according to the degree in which it is applied. In general diseases, *i. e.*, in fever, which is the only general disease properly so called, the state of excitability is so changed, that the same agents do not produce a greater or less degree of the same effects they produce in health, as Dr. B. supposes; but either atony, or that kind of excitement which is followed by atony."

Cause.

As the cause which produces spotted fever, I know of nothing we can add to the common causes producing fevers prevalent in this country, unless it may be the unusual state of the weather for several years past, which we know has been uncommonly wet and cold, and in that way may not only have injured the human system, and disposed it more to the particular disease under consideration by its *immediate* effects on the system, but it may also have injured grain, fruits, and other vegetables so much as to cause *them* to have a noxious effect on the body.

We read of diseases which appear in Europe at certain times being ascribed to the badness of grain, fruits, etc., and we know that wet and cold seasons do not produce grain, etc., in as great perfection as warmer and drier seasons. The cause, perhaps, lies hid, but the effects sufficiently appear; which should stimulate us to use all our exertions to discover the best methods of cure.

Symptoms.

I have said above that many of the symptoms pointed out by Dr. Rush under his malignant state of fever, occur in the worst forms of spotted fever. I have been informed of many cases of this disease, in which the patient was suddenly attacked, without a chilly fit, with coma, a depressed, slow, or intermitting pulse, and some with absence of, or insensibilty to pain, with universal coldness of the skin, entire loss of the senses, numbness, partial or total blindness; in short, a universal torpor seemed to pervade the system. Some of these last symptoms I have seen, as will be mentioned hereafter.

The symptoms peculiar to this disease are very various; and from the best information I have been able to obtain, they vary considerably in the different places in which the disease has made its appearance. I shall state a few symptoms, as they are mentioned by Dr. Woodward; those which I have seen myself will be described in a statement of cases. Dr. W. says, "It attacks with lassitude, chills, great prostration of strength, eyes red and watery, often delirium, with exquisite pain in the head, great anxiety at stomach, with tossing of the body, nausea; often a troublesome vomiting. A pain and lameness in some of the limbs often ushered in the disorder. In some, after chills, there was great heat, of the stinging, thrilling kind. The pulse, like other symptoms, was various, sometimes considerably full, but generally very weak, quick and irregular. The disease, sometimes in this season, assumed the inflammatory type, but generally the typhus. The violent symptoms were, great lassitude with universal pains in the muscles; heats, if any, were of short duration, universal prostration of strength, delirium with severe pain in the head, vomiting, with indescribable anxiety at the stomach, eyes red, watery, and rolled up, and the head drawn back with spasm, pulse weak, quick, and irregular, petechiæ, and vibesces all over the body, and a cadaverous countenance and smell. When the vital flame began to be kindled in the system, some grievous external affection most certainly appeared; such as inflammation of the joints, like the acute rheumatism, or an erysipelatous affection of the skin, or racking pains, convulsions, &c."

While writing the above, Dr. North's description of this disease, published in Med. Museum, vol. 6, p. 280, fell into my hands.

Dr. N. says the symptoms are, "Pain in the head, more commonly the back side; slight chills; furred tongue, great prostration of strength early in the disease; loss of appetite," although less, he thinks, than in other fevers, especially in the latter cases; vomiting and purging sometimes; distress about the precordia; pains of the limbs, frequently; sometimes a slight cough; pulse generally weak and quick, sometimes full, but never hard, as he judged. Some had apparently little or no febrile heat. Others had great heat, and apparently a high fever.

Dr. N. says, "Upon inquiry, almost all would tell you that they

had, in the commencement of the complaint, a slight sore throat, although few would mention it of their own accord.

"In the bad cases, the most distressing symptoms were pains of the head, and universal pain and agony, which would cause children to draw back their heads, and toss and throw about their limbs; these had a constant sighing and quickness of breathing. Some had delirium. It was sometimes low; in others it was a violent mania. Some were comatose.

"With regard to the spots or petechiæ, from which the disease appears to take its name, they are by no means a constant or frequent symptom. When they do appear, they are of various sorts. Some have spots in the true skin resembling flea bites. One patient was covered all over with such spots, for a number of days. But more commonly you will find only a few scattered on different parts of the body. They are of different grades of color, from a red to a dark color. Some resemble a bruise; others appear as though the patient had been struck with a whip. Some have been attended with hemorrhages from the nose; others with symptoms resembling hysteria.

"Although the typhus fever has been evidently very contagious, yet the spotted fever has not appeared to be communicated by contagion. Death happens many times, in the spotted fever, suddenly and unexpectedly, and when there is apparently little danger, at least to common observers. Children and young persons are the most liable to this disease, although I have heard of one woman who was sixty years old who died with it. Those of a sanguine constitution and feeble habit are more liable to it than others."

Dr. N. says he has been of opinion that such causes as had a tendency to produce a debilitated and scorbutic habit of body must be considered as the predisposing. Of these may be reckoned a moist atmosphere and less nutritious food than usual. Two seasons preceding this epidemic have been uncommonly wet; so much so that we have had very little corn, less garden vegetables, and bad grain. The most frequent immediate exciting cause has been obstructed perspiration by cold.

Many of the above-named symptoms have not been noticed since the first year or two of the prevalence of the disease.

Method of Cure.

A considerable difference exists, or has existed, in the opinion of practitioners respecting the proper mode of treatment in this complaint. Many who stand high in the profession suppose some kind of evacuation from the stomach, or bowels, or both, to be necessary in the commencement of the disease (at least in a great proportion of the cases), and to be continued as occasion requires through the whole course of it. And from analogy, we should suppose they judge right; for even in the plague, when the infected have dropped down suddenly, as if shot by a musket ball, they have been perfectly restored by one emetic, in some instances; in other cases, three or four emetics have been given in twelve hours, with the best effects, according to writers on that disease. Indeed, I do not recollect reading of any febrile disease, spotted fever excepted, in which evacuations were not generally recommended in the commencement.

On the other hand, there are physicians who will not allow of any evacuations, either in the commencement or course, not even the most gentle enema, for days, and in some instances, for weeks, and then have imagined the patient sunk in consequence of a gentle enema, administered after so long a time.

Those who are opposed to evacuations, as far as my information extends, insist that we must begin the cure with highly stimulating remedies, and continue them through the whole course of the disease.

It appears to me that we ought to be very cautious in adopting a method of practice so contrary to all former experience with which we are acquainted. That the Brunonian practice, especially in typhus fever, is fast falling into disrepute, we are abundantly taught by many of the late writers in Europe; witness a Wilson, a Hamilton, and the Edinburg Medical and Surgical Journal; and on the same side we are not wanting for writers in our own country.

To illustrate what I have hinted above respecting the treatment of typhus fever and Brown's practice, I shall quote something from Dr. Wilson's Essay on Fever, and something from the Journal, above mentioned, before I quit the subject.

I do not, however, mean to insinuate that there are no cases in which evacuations, especially in the commencement of spotted

fever, are unsafe; but surely they are not unsafe in all cases; neither do I pretend there are no cases in which stimulants are not beneficial and even necessary. But what I contend for is, that they are not universally necessary or beneficial; and that evacuations ought generally to be made either immediately or as soon as may be done with safety. What I wish to bear testimony against is prescribing for the *name* of a disease. When stimulants are necessary in the cold stage let them be used, and let them be gradually withdrawn, as excitement takes place, and not continue the use of stimulants merely because the disease has the name of spotted fever.

It seems to be too much the practice with *some* of the medical profession to prescribe the same kind of remedies through every stage of a disease. If they would attend more to the fluctuating state of the system, and prescribe accordingly, many might be saved from an untimely death.

I would now take notice of the practice which Dr. Rush has adopted, when such symptoms as he mentions under the malignant state of fever take place. For a number of years, viz.: from 1793 to 1797, while the highly inflammatory diathesis prevailed, he found it necessary to bleed and purge, in order to relieve the system. So in some places a small bleeding, provided it was done at the commencement of the disease, was safe and beneficial in spotted fever, and in some instances it was necessary to repeat the bleeding. Emetics and cathartics were also necessary, followed by gentle stimulants. In 1798, Dr. R. says there were cases in which the lancet was forbidden altogether. In these the symptoms appeared to be prostrated by the *force* of the miasmata below the point of reaction. This state of the disease manifested itself in a weak, quick. and frequent pulse, languid eye, sighing, great inquietude, or great insensibility.* In this state of the disease he gave emetics with the best effects. And it is as certain that many have been benefited, in spotted fever, by an emetic. Some have been nearly cured by it, when given in the forming state of the disease. In the year 1799, Dr. R. says, "In those cases where the system was prostrated below the point of reaction, he began the cure by sweating. Blankets, with hot bricks wetted with vinegar, and the hot bath, when practicable, were used for

* The very symptoms which occur in some cases of spotted fever.

this purpose." We also find the sweating practice has gained much credit in the spotted fever, insomuch as to be the first thing referred to by many.

I shall next quote some of Dr. Wilson's sentiments respecting the use of stimulants in typhus, which will apply in some measure at least to spotted fever, and all other diseases of debility, as far as his principles are correct. He says the feeble state of the circulation, and the temporary good effects of powerful stimuli, has led most physicians, and particularly those of later times, to employ them with great freedom. Many, however, confess that they have been disappointed in their effects; of this number he feels no hesitation in declaring himself to be one. He has found the second stage of fever most tractable when all powerful stimuli were avoided. It is true, indeed, that large quantities of opium, or wine, will often give a degree of vigor, increasing the strength and lessening the frequency of the pulse. But these effects are transitory. It is soon necessary to repeat the remedy, and at length to increase its power, in order to produce the same effects; and this transitory vigor seems frequently obtained at the expense of exhausting the strength, which, had it been more carefully husbanded, might have carried the patient through his disease.

Dr. W. says, were he to state the result of his own experience, in the second stage of fever, it would be, that opium is only useful when small doses allay irritation, and procure composure, if not sleep; and that wine is *rarely* beneficial if given in larger quantities than might be taken in health without subsequent debility, and can seldom, perhaps, be given without injury to this extent. Whether there are states of fever in which large doses of the stimuli may be of advantage, is difficult to say. In the extreme debility, when the patient is almost in *articulo mortis*, a strong stimulus may sometimes, perhaps, by rousing the languid system, be the means of preserving life. He has frequently seen the experiment made with *temporary*, never with *permanent* good effects.

In note 63, to his essay on fever, Dr. W. says, "When we see a patient laboring under symptoms of extreme debility, and these symptoms almost uniformly relieved by a considerable quantity of wine, is it difficult, at first view, to persuade ourselves that the wine is pernicious? but an attentive observer will look beyond its immediate effects, and will then readily see sufficient reason to doubt the safety of this practice.

"He will find that the temporary excitement he thus procured is succeeded by a greater degree of debility than that which the stimulus had removed, and if he perseveres in this plan, that in a large proportion of cases the pulse, upon the whole, will gradually become more frequent and feeble, till it ceases altogether."

Dr. W. says he has seen these effects so often, that he cannot help thinking that almost any fever may be rendered fatal by a certain quantity of wine. And when we recollect that the excessive stimulus of wine is a frequent cause of fever, can we be surprised that the constant repetition of this stimulus should increase its symptoms? Besides the apparent good effects of wine for a short time after its exhibition, physicians have been led to an excessive use of it in typhus by another observation, the comparatively small effects it produces. That a pint of wine in typhus will not produce a greater effect than a glass in health, is adduced as an argument for a pint in the one case being as innocent as the glass in the other. But it is to be recollected that wine, in typhus, only produces less excitement than in health, in proportion as the remaining excitability is less, and, consequently, that a degree of excitement which would occasion little or no inconvenience in health may produce a fatal exhaustion in typhus. Here there is no excitability to spare, and the first principle of treatment seems to be, as much as possible, to prevent its further exhaustion. A very moderate and uniform exhibition of stimuli seems often necessary, that the action of the central parts of the sanguiferous system may not fall too low to support that of the circumference; but all excitement *beyond* this seems to have no other effect, except that of *exhausting* the little vigor that yet remains.

In further confirmation of my opinion, respecting the ill effects of too free a use of highly stimulating remedies in typhus and spotted fever, and my belief in the justness of Dr. Wilson's remarks above quoted, I beg leave to add some observations on the Brunonian doctrine, from the Edinburgh Journal above mentioned. In Vol. V, page 85, &c., we find the following sentiments: "Physicians seem now to be gradually recovering from those delusions with which a false theory, more than mistaken or ungarded observation, has beset them.

"The practice founded on the Brunonian doctrine of debility, excitement, and stimulus, has slain, we believe in sincerity of heart, its thousands and ten thousands. This doctrine not only

set all former observation and experience at defiance, but so strong a hold had it taken on the imagination of its votaries that medicine appeared to them unsusceptible of further improvement. The most obvious and most *fatal* error of the doctrine now alluded to was that every evacuation was necessarily and directly debilitating, and that strength and excitement could only be effected by stimuli. In fevers, therefore, all evacuations were dreaded, while wine, brandy, and opium were considered as sovereign remedies, and too often employed with little discrimination, and still less regard to the state of local symptoms and organic affections."

The quotations that have been made above, especially from the writings of Dr. Rush, seem clearly to show that the cause which acts thus suddenly and powerfully on the system produces the very same symptoms, or appearances, whether plague, yellow fever, gout, small-pox, measles, or spotted fever is to follow. And it also appears clearly, from the principles of physic, that whatever remedy will remove those symptoms which appear in either of the above-named diseases, will, *cet. par.*, have the same effect in any one, or in all of them. To be more particular, if we see a patient affected with coma, a depressed, slow, or intermitting pulse, absence of or insensibility to pain, with a natural temperature or coldness of the skin, great prostration of strength, etc., our indications of cure ought to be taken from the present symptoms, without regard to what particular disease is about to follow. I hold this as a fundamental maxim in physic.

It would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to point out a plan of treatment that would embrace all cases of spotted fever. I beg leave, however, to mention the plan which appears to me the most proper in *many* cases, at least, of this disease.

If the patient is found in a cold, torpid, insensible state, with great prostration of strength, small, weak, and quick pulse, coldness of the extremities and of the surface generally, undoubtedly no evacuation should be immediately made from the blood vessels, stomach, or bowels; but he should be put into the warm bath, and the heat of the bath should be increased after being in for a few minutes; or external heat should be applied to the body in some other way; by steam, as recommended by Dr Woodward, or by wrapping the patient in hot blankets, and applying hot bricks, or blocks of wood or brands from the fire quenched in water and wrapped in flannel, to the body and limbs. Sinapisms and bottles

of hot water should be applied to the feet, giving internally at the same time, warm or hot aromatic teas, such as snakeroot, pennyroyal, etc. Tincture of opium, if the pain is great, essence of peppermint, heated wine, if necessary, should be given till warmth is restored, and sweating, if it can be induced, takes place. As soon as there appears to be sufficient warmth, let the stimulating remedies be lessened, and gradually withdrawn, as the particular case seems to indicate. When there appears to be sufficient strength, let a gentle emetic, injection, or cathartic, according to circumstances, be administered. Perhaps some wine and laudanum may occasionally be necessary after the natural warmth is restored. Laudanum should always be given after evacuations.

It seems to me, however, that it cannot be proper to make use of stimulants of the stronger kind, such as wine, ardent spirits, and laudanum, in great quantities, when there is increased action of the heart and arteries, and at the same time too much heat on the skin. From what I have observed in this disease, it is very necessary to keep the feet warm. I have seen several become faint and very much distressed, if the feet became too cool, and the most ready way to remove such symptoms was to restore warmth to them.

Local applications to remove severe pain often have a very sudden and agreeable effect. Where the pain is urgent, sinapisms, from their quick action, should be preferred to blistering-plasters; blisters, however, are of great benefit, and ought to be used very freely. In severe cases, distressing vomiting and great anxiety at the pit of the stomach are apt to occur, and require immediate and assiduous attention. In some of these cases, especially where constant nausea takes place, I have seen good effects from a julep composed of a common teaspoonful of carbonate of potash, with as much or more of the essence of peppermint, in a tumbler of water, sweetened with loaf sugar so as to make it palatable, taken frequently, from half a tablespoonful to two or three spoonfuls. If the vomiting and distress at the stomach continue, and the case is urgent, apply a large sinapism to the region of the stomach. I saw one instance where life was apparently saved by such an application. Dr. Rush mentions great benefit resulting from spirits of turpentine given in a dose of ten drops every two hours, in a little molasses, or syrup, in the distressing vomiting occurring in the second stage of yellow fever, in the year 1805.

He says it was administered with success in one case after an absence of pulse, and coldness of the extremities had come on, and that it gave great relief when exhibited in glysters, as well as by the mouth, in distressing affections of the stomach and bowels. Dr. Fowler's solution of arsenite of potash has been used by many, as I have been informed, with much advantage, in cases of great lowness. Does this solution prove beneficial solely from its stimulating power, or from a specific effect, which it exerts on spotted fever and some other complaints, in the same way that mercury acts on the syphylitic virus?

In cases of less severity, I should, with Dr. North, propose the following as the indications of cure: 1st. To evacuate the first passages. 2d. To restore the obstructed perspiration. 3d. To invigorate the solids. Dr. North proposes two more indications, viz.: to correct the scorbutic tendency of the humors, and to obviate accidental death.

Dr. North's method of practice coincides more with my own ideas of the proper mode of treating this disease than any thing I have seen written on the subject.

If the physician is called in the commencement of the complaint, and there are no symptoms of immediate danger, let an emetic of ipecac, or tartarized antimony, according to circumstances, be immediately administered. I am aware that it is said by some, that nothing of a morbid appearance is discharged by spontaneous vomiting, or that which is procured by emetics; but if I am not much mistaken, it is for the most part owing to the emetic not being strong enough to cleanse the stomach. How often do we see emetics fail to throw up any thing bilious, or otherwise foul, and the very next day, or in a few hours, on the exhibition of another emetic, there will be a vast quantity of very foul matters discharged from the stomach? If we give only a few grains of sulphate of zinc, or a small dose of ipecac, we must often expect to be disappointed.

Although the same objections are made to cathartics which are made to emetics, viz.: that nothing morbid is discharged from the bowels, yet if the emetic does not operate downwards, and the bowels appear to require evacuating, I would give an injection, or some gentle physic, as senna and manna, rhubarb, or *calomel*, according to circumstances.

I have a great opinion of calomel, both as a purge, and in small

doses. Sinapisms, etc., must be applied to remove local pains, and restore the natural excitement. Opium, in some forms, should be exhibited after evacuations, and continued as occasion requires; and either cooling or gently stimulating drinks, as circumstances point out. I have known one patient very sensibly benefited by washing the whole body and limbs with vinegar and water, on account of the great heat of the surface. I have been informed by Dr. Evirest that he made use of the cold affusion to one patient with great advantage

The bowels must by all means be kept free, with injections or with gentle or more active physic, according to the degree of excitement in the system. In short, it appears to me that the principal part of the physician's business is to equalize excitement, restore perspiration, in some instances induce sweating, regulate the bowels, and administer proper nourishment.

A pill composed of opium, camphor, and calomel, given two or three times a day, especially where there is much uneasiness, and the extremities are apt to become cold, is of great advantage. There may be cases of *this* grade of the disease which will require some wine before convalescence takes place, but I have rarely seen any. From the time that reaction takes place, the disease is, generally, easily managed.

It will be kept in mind that I am opposing the *highly* stimulating plan of treating this disease only; although it is said by some to be the "only safe and efficacious mode of cure." I am very sensible that I differ considerably from some of my brethren in my sentiments respecting the best method of cure in the spotted as well as the typhus fever. I shall state the following as some of my reasons:

First, the method of cure, which can, with propriety, be said to be the best, should be such as will cure the greatest number of patients treated according to the proposed method; and as speedily as the nature of the disease will admit. I would ask, has this highly stimulating mode of practice been thus far successful? I think the answer must be in the negative.

Secondly, all other methods of treating the disease should appear very evidently to be less efficacious. The last position I think is not true; for I have reason to believe that many very bad cases have been cured by a practice different from the highly stim-

ulating one, or by such a kind of practice as is recommended above.

I shall weary your patience but a few moments longer, while I give a short account of a few cases of spotted fever which have come under my care.

The first I saw, was April 18, 1807, which was pronounced to be a case of spotted fever, by a practitioner who had been very conversant with that disease, and stimulants were recommended. I saw the patient in less than an hour after, a girl aged ten years. She complained of a severe headache, pain and distress at the pit of the stomach, considerable numbness of the limbs, extremities rather cool, etc. The action of the arterial system was rather too great. I drew eight or nine ounces of blood from the arm, which relieved the pain of the head in half an hour, and she fell asleep soon after. I directed sinapism to the feet, gave a dose of calomel, desired that she might be kept comfortably warm. The next morning found that she had rested well, calomel had operated, and in three days she left the room.

On the 15th April, 1808, I was called to see a lad aged sixteen years. He was taken a few hours before I saw him, suddenly, with a chilly fit, followed by violent pain in the head and stomach, sharp flying pains in the limbs, feet and hands cold, surface of the body unequal as to heat, some parts of it being too cool, while other parts were too hot at the same time. His pulse indicated the loss of some blood, which was taken, an emetic was administered, blisters to the neck and ankles, sinapisms to the feet. Laudanum was given after the emetic. Some part of the time for three days, the surface of the body was very hot, so that he was benefited by having his body and limbs washed with vinegar and water. At other times he was too cool and received benefit from warm aromatic teas, laudanum in small doses, bottles of hot water to his feet, etc. His bowels were attended to throughout the disease. He was very sick for three days, after which he bore gentle tonics, a little wine, etc., and was well in about ten days.

On the 24th of the last-mentioned month, I was called to see a woman aged about twenty-two years, who was taken suddenly in the meeting-house, in the time of the forenoon sermon. She was put into a carriage and carried home; she was so sleepy on the

way that her husband had much difficulty in preventing her from falling out of the carriage.

I saw her at half past four in the afternoon. She was comatose, had great prostration of strength, and so torpid in mind and body, that she took no notice of any thing, and could give no account of herself, only that her head pained her, and that she had great distress at her stomach. Her hands and feet were cold, almost as ice. The inequality of heat and cold on the surface of the body, much as in the last-mentioned case. The pulse was rather frequent, very weak, unequal, and hesitating.

My first endeavor was to equalize excitement. For this purpose, laudanum and essence of peppermint were given in warm aromatic teas, the feet put in warm water, sinapisms and blisters applied, bottles of hot water, etc. The great prostration, weak pulse, etc., seemed to forbid evacuations altogether. At eight o'clock in the evening I saw her again. Found the excitement rather more equal. The apparent debility was still so great that I dared not make any evacuation. She had moisture on some parts of the skin. Same plan continued. Monday morning, the symptoms pretty much the same as yesterday, except the coldness, which was nearly gone, heat generally rather too great, coma continues, pulse rather fuller and not so frequent. Left calomel to be given in doses of a few grains every three or four hours till it operated; other medicines to be given much as yesterday. Tuesday morning, the calomel operated in the night and afforded evident relief, pulse freer, breathing easier, coma, however, continues. About the close of the third day she recovered her senses, and was able to inform me that she was struck with a sudden and violent pain, which shot like lightning across the hams and calves of the legs, and immediately affected her head and stomach, and that she remembered but little, if any thing, more for the three days. She convalesced very slowly; the latter end of the week, her stomach appearing to be foul, she took an emetic, and afterwards light bitters; some wine was tried, but as it did not set well, it was discontinued. About the middle of the next week, she was seized with a violent pain in her head, which required several bleedings, cathartics, and blisters to the head and limbs. She was confined for a number of days, from the violence of the pain in the head, and the blisters were repeated several times to the head, some-

times to a particular part of it, and sometimes to the whole head. She finally recovered and is now in good health.

I would remark, that the last patient seemed to have a violent inflammation of the brain, or its meninges, and appeared to be threatened with hydrocephalus internus, and that it commenced in about ten days from the first attack. Is it not probable that she was not sufficiently evacuated during the first ten days, and that the great degree of prostration and debility in her case was owing, in part at least, to a *depressed* state of the system; and not wholly to that kind of debility which takes place more gradually, in common typhus complaints? Could so great a degree of inflammation take place in so short a time, if the debility was purely of typhus kind? Does not this case add to the necessity of the caution above mentioned, as to the mode of practice proper to be adopted in spotted fever?

On the 20th of May following, I was called in great haste to see the child of the last-mentioned patient. It had been sick about four hours; the pulse was so rapid as not to be counted; heat and cold partial, as in the two last-mentioned cases; eyes staring, pupils sometimes very much dilated, sometimes much contracted, frequent tossing of the body and limbs, convulsive motions of the face, sudden starting; and, in short, the child appeared to be dying. Little, of course, could be done. In about two hours after my first seeing the child, spots, resembling ink spattered on very white cloth, appeared over the face, neck, and breast; and it died convulsed in two hours more, making eight hours from the attack.

March 4th, 1809, was called to see a man who had been highly stimulated for two days, with ardent spirits, laudanum, etc.; the last twenty-four hours, however, he had not taken so much (only a pint of brandy from sunrise to 4 o'clock P M.), of the stimulus, as he did the first day.

He appeared to me to have too much excitement, generally; pulse pretty full and frequent, and rather strong than weak; pain in the head, bowels, and ankles; face very red, eyes red and suffused, skin dry and rather hot, thirst considerable, some delirium, restlessness, etc.—Ordered the ardent spirits to be discontinued, the feet to be put into warm water, in bed, directed tinct. of opium and antimonial wine, five drops of the former, with fifteen of the latter, to be given in warm aromatic tea, once in three hours, for the purpose of inducing sweat, sinapisms to the feet;

calomel to be given in doses of a few grains often, till it operated, which it did in about twelve hours, and afforded sensible relief.

The next day, his pulse was moderate, redness of the face and eyes gone, heat and thirst diminished, skin moist, etc, He recovered rapidly. I saw him but four or five times.

The same month, I visited a woman aged about thirty. She went out at the door to get some wood, and fell senseless on the ground, and lay a considerable time before she was discovered. She did not recover her reason short of two or three hours. I saw her about four hours after the attack. Reaction had began to take place. She had violent pain in the head, nausea and distress at stomach, severe pain in one arm and side, numbness of the limbs, extremities cold. She took an emetic with advantage afterwards laudanum, next day a small dose of physic. She was distressed considerably, but moderate doses of laudanum controlled the distress, for the most part She had several turns of being distressed at stomach, and vomiting for two or three days. The julep above mentioned had an excellent effect in her case; blisters to the side and limbs, etc. She had several doses of physic in the course of her disease. She was well in about a week.

The same month, I saw a lad of thirteen, who was taken very suddenly, while sitting by the fire. He had been in usual health till the moment he was taken—he was seized with a chilly fit, followed by violent pains in the head, stomach, and limbs. He was immediately put to bed, and attemps were made to get him warm. I saw him in about half an hour from the attack. Before I arrived, he said he was blind, and the bed was whirling round; and he was holding on by the bed to prevent being thrown off.

I immediately administered an emetic of ipecac and tartarized antimony; he took a very large dose before it operated, but was much relieved by it. At evening he had a dose of calomel, which operated freely—laudanum was given after the emetic, and after the operation of the calomel, blisters, etc., were used, as occasion seemed to require. He lett the room in three days.

I saw, in the course of two or three years, several other cases, most of which were less violent than those I have detailed. They were all treated, as nearly as circumstances would permit, according to the general plan above laid down. I saw one child, aged six years, who died in six hours and a half after I saw it, con-

vulsed and spotted. I lost but two patients, which were both spotted, and they were the only cases which were spotted that I saw.

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ON ALIMENT.

The subject of the following remarks is, THE NATURE *and* USES *of* ALIMENT *in the Animal Economy.*

As a first step, I ask assent to the following positions, viz: That by assimilation of matter, to the first stamen, deposited in the uterus of the female, the future adult is formed: That all the material particles, which have been once vitally united to the organized mass, constituting the frame, so necessary to sublunary existence, are constantly fleeting, and—That new ones, in succession, from the same source, and by the operation of the same agent, are made to supply their places.

How, therefore, is this difficult, and apparently almost impossible work, accomplished? It is answered, by the powers of the system, operating upon aliment

By the powers of the system, is meant, the animal fibre, in a state of excitability, or, in other words, possessing the powers of action, on the right application of excitants, or stimuli. Aliment may be defined to be every substance, taken into the system, upon which the excitable fibre is capable of so acting, either directly, or through some medium, as to convert it into principles, homogeneous with the different proximate ones, of the body. That the first stamen possesses excitability, is sufficiently evident, from the observations of physiologists; but on account of its minuteness and the feebleness of its powers, it is, at first, unable to elaborate what is necessary for its own support. It is, therefore, placed in a situation, whither every thing needful is brought, ready prepared, for its use; and its whole exertion need only be to absorb nutriment, that comes into contact with it This is, undoubtedly, what takes place in the imperceptible embryo state, for in process of time, in consequence of its enlargement, we begin to see its motion; next, we discover its organization; and, finally, we perceive its demands from the mother. After a certain period, it

acquires vigor enough to discharge, by itself, all the functions of digestion and assimilation; its fœtal life ceases, and it is brought into the world. By continuing the discharge of these functions, for a few years only, its body is expanded to about the size of the bodies of its fellow mortals. It seems soon, however, to reach its acme; its capability of action begins to wear away, without the power of accumulating; it is gradually exhausted, and at last becomes extinct. This constitutes death. This is the series of phenomena which invariably takes place, from the uterus to the tomb, unless some violence or acute disease cuts prematurely the thread of life.

An examination of the chemical and other properties, first of the ingesta, secondly of the ingredients and composition of the body, and thirdly of the excreta, will assist in demonstrating the dependence of the production and continuance of the phenomena of life upon aliment. The articles taken into the stomach are animal and vegetable substances, fermentated liquors, and water. By the lungs oxygen only is received. These, I am of opinion, are the only avenues designed by nature for the admission of anything nutritive into the system. I am aware that to cutaneous absorption has been ascribed a considerable quantity of the water found in the great mass of our fluids; and that the increase of weight, which it is well known the body sometimes receives without any thing having been taken into the stomach, has been thought to prove it incontestably. When it was supposed that any substance that should be occasionally presented to the mouths of the absorbents, might be taken into the circulation, and botched upon the body, without any modification, this doctrine might do well enough; but now, when it is known that these vessels have an elective power, and are necessarily intended to be incapable of taking up everything, the notion becomes absurd. This subject is intended to be glanced at, in the sequel, sufficiently to explain the circumstances which have been supposed to prove it; or at least to show, that nutrition cannot take place by this passage. It may be proper to remark here, too, that the stomach and lungs are not only the exclusive natural avenues for the introduction of aliment, but that art has not yet, and doubtless never will succeed, in making any other. It is believed that it will appear from what follows, that certain impressions upon and actions of the stomach, are necessary, occasionally, in order to keep up assimila-

tion and excretion; and that, for want of this, nutrient enemata, and transfusion of blood, can never support life but little longer than it could exist without them. That individuals have lived some weeks under their use, without taking any thing by the mouth, I shall not pretend to deny; and so we are informed, by respectable and unquestioned authority, they have likewise done, without even these.

Animal substances that are employed for food consist principally of nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen, and a small quantity of oxygen. Besides these, a few other principles. such as sulphur, phosphorus, and certain metals, appear in exceedingly small quantities. Vegetables consist principally of carbon and hydrogen, in combination with much oxygen. Some contain a small quantity of nitrogen; and in all, as in animal substances, there are occasionally detected certain metals. sulphur, and phosphorus. Fermented liquors are composed entirely of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. Water consists of the two last-named principles.

Various other substances are occasionally thrown into the stomach for medicinal purposes; but when they consist of any other than the above-mentioned elements, or even of those, in such a state of combination as to be indecomposable by our organs, they answer no other purpose than to make a certain impression upon the parts with which they come into contact. Notwithstanding the experiments of a late celebrated writer on therapeutics, from which it is concluded, that opium is actually applied to the brain, by the agency of the sanguiferous system, when it produces its sedative effect, I still think that the notion that medicines, as such, and in the form in which they are exhibited, are ever taken into the circulation, ought to be exploded. As far as medicines are convertible into chyle, so far are they taken into the mass of our fluids, and no further. Who ever found antimony, quicksilver, lead, or copper, in blood? and how is it possible for these articles to leave the primæ-viæ for any other part of the system, except by the medium of the blood-vessels? and if these do not operate, by taking such a course, what evidence have we that others do? Where shall the line be drawn, between those that are applied to every part of the body, by the sanguiferous system, and those that produce their medicinal effect, by acting upon the alimentary canal? I would not be understood to question the experiments of the celebrated writer above mentioned. In only this instance,

perhaps, has he drawn any other than the obvious conclusion from the phenomena before him.

In describing the different forms of aliment, the real ultimate principles of a human body have been named, as their elements. The proximate ones are too numerous to be mentioned and described, on this occasion, and too well known to need such a detail. In the course of the following observations, therefore, each will be spoken of by its appropriate name, without any especial explanation.

The obvious and palpable excreta from the human body are the perspirable matter and sweat, the halitus from the lungs, the urine and fœces: To these, perhaps, may be added a few other secretions which are not of sufficient consequence to be here mentioned. The chemical composition of these several excreta it is now unnecessary to specify, as it will be comprehended in what follows; suffice it to say, that they contain no one principle which cannot fairly be traced to the aliment.

I might now proceed to the actions of the system in consequence of the reception of nutritious matter within the sphere of its influence, but I choose first to notice its manifest and surprising ability of accommodating itself to peculiar circumstances in regard to this point: I allude to the balance between appetite and action, between respiration and digestion. A toad buried in sand, it is supposed by naturalists, will live for ages without food. The facts which support this opinion, say they, are too numerous and circumstantial not to deserve some credit. In some animals of the forest the vital flame, throughout the winter, is kept alive merely by the fat accumulated during the summer in the cellular substance.

This could not be adequate to such an effect, unless the animal should become inactive, and in some measure torpid. The same phenomenon is likewise very observable in men who at one time labor and at another are unemployed. A late physiological writer relates, that persons inactive, weak, and slow of respiration, have many times lived weeks without receiving the least nutriment.

The balance between respiration and digestion clearly appears from attention to the quantity of air consumed, in a given time, when the stomach is empty, and when it is full; when it is charged with oxygenated food, and when with that, which is more entirely

combustible. It is related that Mr. Spalding, who made so many experiments with the diving-bell, constantly found, that when he had eaten animal food, or drank fermented liquors, he consumed air much faster than when he lived upon vegetables and drank water. On the other hand, when from the increased rarity or density of the atmosphere, the same number of inhalations causes the lungs to receive a greater or less quantity of air, the appetite is increased, diminished, or otherwise varied. In the one case, we crave more food, and that which is little oxygenated; in the other we need less, but that especially which is acid. This difference of appetite happens to every one, in winter and summer, on the tops of mountains, and in the valleys. It is stated to be remarked by Doctor Ingenhous, that strangers feel a remarkable increase of appetite, on their arrival at Vienna; and experiments there with the eudiometer prove that the atmosphere contains a greater proportion of vital air than at Holland. Every sagacious physician, says Mr. Townsend, must have had frequent opportunities to remark that when the stomach is oppressed respiration labors; but that when the lungs are plentifully supplied with vital air the superabundant quantity of food is no longer a burden.

The utility and great importance of the above-mentioned balance, it is thought, is very manifest from the facts, that on it depends, first, the due excitability of the fibre; secondly, the proper and salubrious temperature of the whole body; and thirdly, the assimilation of new matter from, and the excretion of the detrita which are incessantly brought into the great mass of the fluids. The truth of the last proposition, it is believed, will be sufficiently evident from what is to follow; but here it may with propriety be asked, how that of the other two can be made to appear, since it is confessed that the lungs imbibe no element but what may be, and actually is received by the stomach? The answer is ready. Substances taken into the stomach cannot be appropriated to the building up of the body except by the action of the fibre; but by this very action, excitability is rapidly exhausted, so that, of necessity, there must be some other source of renewal. The oxygen, then, received by the lungs is the principle of excitability. This is evident from the following facts; first, an obstruction to, or prevention of its reception, as in non-closure of the foramen ovale, confinement in mephitic airs, or bronchial inactivity, as happens sometimes to new-born infants, to slaves confined in

ill-ventilated holds of vessels, etc., or as happens, either in symptomatic, or idiopathic dyspepsia, invariably occasions diminution of excitability, manifested by weak and intermitting pulse. speedy fatigue from labor, frequent syncope, somnolency, livid-fibre, and at last complete ataxy and death.

Plants, and either animate or inanimate muscular fibres, may be deprived of excitability by substances that possess a strong deoxydizing power. Animals that naturally possess little excitability and little power of locomotion, have lungs diminished in capacity in the same proportion; and they actually consume so much less air. Their powers of digestion, very often, are not diminished in the same degree which makes it plain that excitability does not depend on what is elaborated by the stomach.

Secondly, it is observed, on the other hand, that an increased supply of oxygen by the lungs occasions increased excitability, or susceptibility of action, strong, hard pulse, cerebral energy, insomnia, and florid fibre.

Animals that have increased capacity of lungs and increased bronchial action, and that, of course, consume a greater proportion of oxygen, have strong and quick powers of locomotion, and that in the same degree. This is the case with wrestlers, who, as Richerand observes, astonish us by the development of their muscular organs, and the vast efforts of which they are capable ; and of birds which are obliged to support themselves in the air, by rapid and strong exertions, and many of which live by prey. The latter, frequently, have exceedingly weak powers of digestion. Children are more excitable, in proportion to their size, than adults, and vitiate more air. Vegetables, and animate or inanimate muscular fibre that have been deprived of excitability, may have it again restored by treating with oxy-muriatic-acid. The florid color, too, returns by the same means. To the above remarks, it may be added, that intoxication, fatigue, and immoderate panting from violent exercise, are almost instantly relieved by the respiration of vital air ; and that great exhilaration and excitement, from the inhalation of nitrous-oxide, and pure oxygen gases, are not succeeded by any depression, as would invariably happen were their modus operandi analogous to ordinary stimulants. This I have often experienced in my own person, and have had opportunity to witness in two or three of my friends. In most instances, the person respiring these gases is irresistibly impelled to the most

violent exertions, such as dancing, running, jumping, hallooing, etc., as it were, to relieve himself from a superabundant quantity of excitability; and all this is not attended with fatigue That animal heat depends upon oxygen received by the lungs, appears from its bearing precise proportion in a given time to the quantity of air vitiated; but more of this hereafter. The manner in which oxygen produces excitability seems to be by its combining loosely with the fibre; and action, I am of opinion, is a motion essentially attended with a disengagement of this oxygen. This appears from the fact that oxygen is inhaled in the form of gas, and by the bronchial action is combined with the blood, in but a slightly solidified state (for little caloric is given out in that organ), and being carried round in the circulation, is proved to become still farther concrete, by the additional heat generated in every point of the body. Now the oxygen that has disappeared, it is probable, has united with the muscular fibre, as the color of this is changed from a purple to a florid red, and its susceptibility of action from the impression of stimuli is much increased. That by action this oxygen is disengaged, appears from the circumstance of the reduction of the fibre to its former purple color, and unexcitable state. But during action, the lungs continue to imbibe oxygen, whilst the fibre gives it out, and yet the blood is not preternaturally charged with it. It does not recombine with the fibre to produce excitability and animal heat, inasmuch as the lungs are still provident of a new quantity, and as it must be now too far solidified to answer these purposes. We find, however, that the detrita, consisting principally of effete hydrogen and carbon, brought into the circulation by the absorbents, are constantly making their escape from the system by way of the renes, skin, and lungs, in the forms of water, and carbonic-acid. The oxygen then, which is now equally useless with the hydrogen and carbon, and just in a sufficiently concrete state, to combine readily with them, is undoubtedly the vehicle of their escape. This account, apparently, does away with considerable difficulty in the commonly received doctrine of the uses of respiration. I allude to the notion, that oxygen is taken into the lungs, merely to form in that organ the water and carbonic acid of excretion, and there, likewise, to give out its caloric, and that it answers no other purposes in the animal economy. On such a supposition, superficial heat would not be sufficiently accounted for, as I conceive, the increased capacity of

arterial blood for caloric. and the diminution of the capacity of that of the veins is not adequate to it, though it should undoubtedly be taken into the account; nor could we explain the union of the vital with the combustible principles, as it is well known that the latter have little or no affinity for the former, when it is in its gaseous state, or nearly so.

In the foregoing account of the course and offices of that part of the aliment which is received by the lungs, no notice has been taken of the doctrine that secretion is the source of animal heat; or of Girtaner's opinion, favored indeed by Richerand in his work on physiology, that the combination of oxygen with the fibre may take place from the water in the blood, by the action of the nervous fluid, which he supposes to be identical with the galvanic.

With regard to the first of these notions, it is in some respects what appears the truth to me; for the oxygen must manifestly be deposited with the fibre, by the secerning arteries. As it respects glandular secretion, where the substance produced is not more dense than that from which it is separated, I cannot well discover how it can disengage much caloric. The opinion of Girtaner I deem untenable, in two respects. First, the oxygen in water is too far solidified to answer the purpose of producing excitability and heat; and secondly, I think Wilson has demonstrated, and even Richerand himself made it probable, that cerebral influence is altogether unnecessary for the action of involuntary organs, and that nerves are of use only for voluntary motion, sensation. and sympathy. The famous experiment of dividing the nerves of the heart, and its cessation of action thereupon, amounts, in my view, to nothing more than that for the operation so much violence must be done as to destroy its capability of motion; or that a communication with some other viscera, for the sake of sympathetic excitation, is necessary to its due excitement.

In detailing the uses of that nutriment which enters by the pulmonary avenue, actions have been spoken of, the causes of which were not specified. In treating of what is received by the stomach, it is hoped some light will be thrown on this branch of the subject. When, therefore, from the sensations styled hunger and thirst, we are induced to take into the mouth either vegetable or animal matter, in proportion to its quality and quantity, it stimulates the salivary ducts to pour forth the fluid secreted in their glands, and by the operation of the teeth, tongue, etc., it is broken

down, and, by a mixture of atmospheric oxygen and saliva, reduced to a uniform pulpy mass. This, by the voluntary action of the muscles of deglutition, is carried down into the stomach, to undergo that change which most eminently is termed digestion; a process accomplished by actions according to a late physiologist, at once mechanical, chemical, and vital; mechanical, in that the food is agitated by a gentle peristaltic motion, by which all parts of it are presented to the action of the gastric juice, and the chyme carried through the pylorus; chemical, in that the food is acted upon by a peculiar fluid, which the stomach is stimulated to secrete; and vital, in that a peculiar excitement is occasioned according to the quantity and quality of the substance digesting. Although the food is commonly said to be digested in the stomach, yet it must not be forgotten that it really undergoes as important changes, in the small intestines, as in that organ. By the admixture of the chyme with the bile, pancreatic, and enteric juices, etc., it becomes an essentially different substance, and is termed chyle. It is probable, too, that it is somewhat modified by the lacteals and mesenteric glands, through which it must pass to reach the thoracic duct, the canal which runs near the aorta, and empties its contents into the left subclavian vein, near its termination in the cava. The large intestines, though a direct continuation of the small, answer but little other purpose but that of conducting out of the body such matters as were indigestible, and refused by the lacteals. The vital motion of the stomach is now to be considered, for, by means of this, it is believed the whole actions of assimilation, secretion, and excretion, are carried on. All the organs employed in discharging the natural functions have nervous communication with the stomach, by means of the intercostal and parvagum, undoubtedly for the purposes of sympathy. Each of these organs is probably so constructed as to be capable of sympathizing with those peculiar actions of the stomach that are excited by the kind of aliment the preparation for or disposal of which necessarily requires the exertion of such organ; and, on the contrary, those whose exertions are not required for such purposes are so formed as not to be affected by such excitement. If flesh, for instance, be the food stimulating the stomach (and this perhaps is one of our most nutritious articles of diet, and consists principally, of combustible matter), the action of the whole sanguiferous system will be increased, that the decrita may be thrown

off, the fat deposited in greater abundance in the cellular substance. and, in short, all the secretions increased. in order to make room for the new matter about to come into the circulation, and to bring about the great purpose of building up our bodies. The quantity of this action must be proportioned to the quantity of the chyle that can be elaborated from the aliment received, and its rapidity to the speed with which this chyle can be formed.

Animal substances afford more chyle than vegetable. are quicker digested. and occasion much more irritation and heat. Hence, while the stomach is acting upon them, more matter must be assimilated from the blood, more excreted, and more of the excitable principle imbibed. Vegetable substances, on the contrary, afford less nutriment, are not so readily acted upon by the digestive organs, and occasion both less irritation and heat. This difference may very plainly be traced to the difference in the quantity of combined oxygen in each; and it at once explains the balance of respiration and digestion. These principles are every day recognized by the practice of physicians; for, in diseases of more and stronger action than natural, animal food, fermented liquors, narcotics, etc., are never allowed while the necessity of abstinence, to a certain extent, is invariably inculcated; and in diseases of weaker and less action. both the stimulus and nutriment of combustible diet is universally acknowledged to be of the utmost service to the patient. Excitement without nutriment, however, in what manner soever occasioned, causes debility and emaciation; as is seen in all febrile affections. The oxygen which is disengaged from the fibre by the action, must take combustible matter to help it off, by the several emunctories; and this is, accordingly, brought into the circulation by the absorbents; its waste not being supplied by the stomach.

The opinion that the vital action of the stomach is by sympathy propagated to those organs whose assistance is necessary to dispose of its contents may be illustrated and confirmed by the fact that immediately on the reception of unusually aqueous aliment, even before any of it can have passed the pylorus, the renes, as suddenly. secrete an unusual quantity of watery urine. Indeed, the peculiar excitement of the stomach occasioned by certain sorts of liquid aliment seems, often, to be so exactly propagated to other organs as to occasion an almost similar secretion from them. This has become proverbial, with regard to mucilages, the albu-

men of the egg, etc.; and I have known one case, where, in a very short time, from swallowing a large draught of peppered cider after a long exposure to the cold, that urine was very soon evacuated, having somewhat the smell, and producing on the uretha somewhat the sensation of the then contents of the stomach. Such phenomena are notorious also of the milk, and have induced many to suppose that there must be a more direct communication of the renes and mammæ with the stomach than through the medium of the circulation. There does not, however, seem to be a necessity for this; for it may be easily supposed that the impression of any particular fluid will occasion a secretion of a somewhat similar one, by the renes, as that the application of but a particle of variolous vaccine, psoric, or syphilitic virus, to a surface from which the epidermis has been abraded, should produce a secretion of a similar one all over the body. In short, there is considerable foundation for supposing that in every instance the urine bears some resemblance to the liquid on the stomach at the time of its secretion; though, in ordinary cases, from its small quantity, it does not stimulate the vesica to evacuate it till it has become changed by the absorbents.

No objection to the above notions can be made on the score of the size of the renal arteries; for Haller, from the nicest calculations, has determined that their diameter is one-eighth of the aorta; and Richerand asserts, that a thousand ounces of blood pass through the renal structure in the space of an hour; and that, admitting this fluid to contain only a tenth part of the materials necessary to form urine, a hundred ounces could be separated from it in this short interval; and a larger quantity is never secreted in an hour, however copious and diuretic the drink may be.

Excitement, occasioned in the skin as well as in the stomach, is sometimes propagated to other parts, though less powerfully. By immersion in a warm bath, bronchial and renal action becomes greater; a circumstance which explains the increased internal formation and secretion of water, the additional weight of which has been deemed a proof of cutaneous absorption

Although it is the natural course for the digesting organs to occasion the action of the secreting, yet, in certain diseases, the order of nature seems to be so completely inverted, as that the contrary takes place. In diabetes, for instance, the stomach and

lungs seem to sympathize with the renes; but there is a continual appetite for fluids; and an increased quantity of oxygen received by the lungs, which, with the assistance of the hydrogen and carbon, that the body everywhere loses. abundantly indicates the source of a so much greater weight of saccharine urine than all the aliment visibly received. Hereby another supposed proof of cutaneous absorption is done away. Indeed, diabetes, from the acknowledged torpor of the skin that always attends it, never afforded a very strong evidence of the doctrine.

The system, in a state of health, or incipient disease, seems to struggle, as it were, to keep up a just balance in the excitement of the several parts; yet certain causes may so weaken particular organs, or increase the power of others, as completely to destroy it. The phenomena of a few maladies seem to result from this condition; scorbutus. for instance, and phthisis pulmonalis, according to some of the most celebrated writers upon them. The symptoms of the former, which are supposed to depend upon a deficient supply of oxygen by the lungs, in proportion to the combustibles by the stomach, and the bodily exercise, are immediately removed by a restoration of the balance. The symptoms of the latter have, certainly, been palliated by the opposite treatment; and in cases where there has been no organic lesion, it is believed, a cure has sometimes been effected. It is related that the French academicians. upon the summit of Pinchincha, where, independent of rarefaction, the air contains a less proportion of the vital principle than the middle regions, were attacked with scorbutic symptoms; and those who live in very damp and low situations, according to several eminent writers, experience them likewise.

Pregnancy, in its latter stages, as Denman informs us, has the same effect; and is attended likewise with an insatiable appetite for vegetables, and other acescents. It is supposed that this is caused by the demands of the fœtus for the principle of life; and by the hindrance of its free reception, from obstruction, to the motion of the diaphragm. As animal fat consists principally of hydrogen and carbon, the explanation of the phenomena of obesity, from a disturbance of the balance, seems to me highly probable; and it receives farther confirmation from the fact that a free use of liquors, with which oxygen is but loosely and in a slightly solidified state combined, most commonly obviates them.

Indeed, it is a common observation, that those who live in a cider

country, and use this liquor freely, are more commonly lean than those who make beer their common beverage; and that certain opiates and metallic oxides and acids are antidotes to each other in the animal body. I was, not long since, informed by a gentleman, who was totally ignorant both of the theory and practice of medicine, but who had a smattering of chemistry, and was frequently making small experiments, that, one day, having access to an apparatus for the respiration of the gases, he determined to make a trial of oxygen upon himself. As the first effects were not adequate to what he expected, he continued the bag to his mouth longer than was prudent, the consequence of which was a pretty violent pneumonical affection, precisely similar to the first stage of phthisis. It must be remarked that he had naturally a very slender constitution, and never enjoyed very firm health.

Much has been said by writers of eminence of a certain something, supposed to belong to a living body, and styled vis-medicatrix-naturæ. The principal phenomena of fevers are, by Dr. Cullen, referred to it.

I take it, however, to be nothing more than this sympathy of one part with another, this nervous communication of the organs of digestion with those of assimilation, secretion, and excretion, by which, if one is stimulated into action, the rest are incapable of remaining torpid. Townsend refers to the effects of the application of epispastic to the surface, and of an exhibition of a cathartic or emetic to a vis-medicatrix; but it is believed, however, that the organization of the skin, and primæ viæ, is simply such that their exhalent vessels are capable of being stimulated into a specific action by specific applications; so that the epispastic, the cathartic, and the emetic are in reality the efficient causes of the phenomena occasioned.

That the final cause of the effusion of lymph in a blister is to preserve a tender organ of sense from too violent irritation; and the effusion of fluids, during the operation of a cathartic and emetic to wash away the offending matter, is readily granted; and in that light may be styled a vis-medicatrix; but on the same principles, even so may be most of our voluntary motions. I am even unwilling to allow that the particular determination of matter to form new substance, in every breach of continuity, is anything more than the immediate effect of irritation.

WILLIAM TULLY.

Case of an AFFECTION *of the right* OVARIUM; *communicated by Dr.* JOHN BARKER.

A Mrs. W——r, of the county of Windham, aged about forty years, for more than twelve months previous to my being called to consult with her attending physician, had the usual symptoms of pregnancy; and was suspected, the greater part of the time, both by herself and her acquaintance, to be in a pregnant state. At the expiration of the first nine months, as the ordinary result of gestation did not follow, a physician, who practiced and was considered skillful in the obstetric art, was consulted, and decided that she was not pregnant, but that her disorder was an hydropsical affection of the right ovarium. I was requested to call and see the lady with him, and consult upon the expediency of attempting to relieve her by an operation. The whole abdomen appeared enlarged, and she looked like a woman ready to parturiate. After making what examination was necessary to satisfy myself of the nature of her disorder, I was convinced that not only the ovarium was morbidly affected, but likewise that a fluid of some kind was fluctuating in the cavity of her body; but so great was the distension of the abdomen, that although the ovarium could be felt through the integuments, and it was easy to decide as to its enlargement, it could not be very well determined as to it consistence. An operation was agreed upon, to relieve her of the fluctuating fluid, which appeared to occasion great distress; but we had a further object in view, viz., to be better able to decide as to the practicability of relieving the ovarium. On the 27th April, 1793, I performed the operation (with a trocar at least one half larger than the usual size) and drew from her about seven quarts of a gelatinous substance. This afforded temporary relief. She was then treated by her attending physician with carminatives, gentle cathartics, and diuretics; and on the 6th of May following I was again called to assist her by a second operation. It was agreed to perforate the enlarged ovarium in this operation, and relieve it of its contents (for the prevailing opinion of the council was that it contained matter of a similar consistence with what had been drawn off at the preceding operation). The result was, we drew six quarts of gelatinous matter more tenacious than before; her strength had failed her considerably since the former operation; a loss of appetite had followed the loss of strength, and her days and nights were one continued

scene of distress; her urine in small quantity and high-colored; 'twas difficult to decide by the feel whether the ovarium was much diminished by the operation or not. She continued in the use of carminatives, diuretics, and cathartics, without deriving much benefit from them, until I was called upon the third time to operate, viz., on the 18th of June, at which time I drew from her about five pints of the consistence and appearance of new soap when boiling.

At this operation I left a tent in the perforation, to keep it open, and attended daily every morning to draw off the matter, which continued of the same consistence until the 24th at night. From the time I first saw her until now her fever had been slight. In the night of the 24th a violent fever came on, and on the morning of the 25th such a quantity of thin watery fluid had discharged from the orifice of the wound, where the trocar entered, that upon introducing the canula, I obtained but about half a pint of clear lymph at first, followed by about the same quantity of purulent matter; it retained this consistence, and I continued to draw off about the same quantity every morning, until her death, which took place on the 30th. Leave was obtained to examine the body, and, accompanied by my friend Dr. Lee, we proceeded to the examination. Appearance was as follows: Upon removing the integuments of the abdomen, the omentum being wholly consumed, the right ovarium presented, rather in an oval form, considerably larger than a goose egg; it adhered on one side to the peritoneum; at its apex it adhered to the diaphragm; the left ovarium considerably enlarged. Such an entire adhesion had taken place between the right ovarium, uterus, and vesica urinaria, that they appeared one compact and entire body, though of an uneven surface. The right ovarium, upon being laid open, had the appearance of a hog's liver, very porous, and interspersed with a number of cysts, containing a mixture of purulent and gelatinous matter, of a very offensive smell; in quantity about half a pint. The uterus and vesica urinaria preternaturally thickened. It was discovered, on dissection, that the trocar had perforated the right ovarium, but no particular advantage or disadvantage had resulted from it. Attached to the diaphragm and peritoneum were a variety of small cysts, containing from a teaspoonful to half a gill of thin fluid. The whole abdominal viscera besides, though to appearance sound, were immersed in a body of offensive and purulent matter.

A Partial Analysis of the Waters of Stafford Springs, extracted from a Communication made to the Medical Society of Connecticut, by Dr. SAMUEL WILLARD.

Powder of the galls of Aleppo, of Peruvian and white oak bark, and hyson tea, strike a dark purple color, almost immediately, on being mixed with this water. Distilled spirits produce the same effect, but more slowly.

The purple juices of vegetables, such as violets, flower de luce, etc., give to the water a most beautiful green tinge. Caustic fixed alkali produces a precipitate of a reddish-brown color. In this experiment the carbonic acid attaches itself to the alkali, leaving the iron with which it was before combined to fall to the bottom in the state of oxide.

Silver, on being wet with the water, acquires a blackish hue. Prussiates of lime and potash produce in it a very discernible blue tinge.

Two gallons of the water afforded, by evaporation, twelve grains of sediment; this sediment appears to consist of oxide of iron and aluminous and magnesian earth. It effervesces strongly with the sulphuric acid.

On the side of the vats, where the water trickles down in a very gentle manner, I observed a very light sediment adhering; this appeared to be carbonate of magnesia, combined with a very small portion of the oxide of iron. On some of this sediment I poured a few drops of the sulphuric acid; a lively effervescence immediately ensued, a quantity of fixed air was extricated, a new combination took place, which, on examination, appeared to be sulphate of magnesia or epsom salts. In this instance I suppose the sulphuric acid seizes on the magnesia, and the carbonic acid, which was before united with the magnesian earth, being suddenly disengaged, flies off.

The water will not unite with soap, but curdles on being mixed therewith.

For want of chemical apparatus adapted to that purpose, I have not been able to examine the different gaseous principles which heat would probably extricate from the water.

The experiments which I have made have been desultory. They cannot, by any means, be considered as forming a complete

analysis of the water. Some experiments which I wished to have made I could not for want of some of the agents or tests which are generally used in the examination of mineral waters. From the above-related experiments I have, however, deduced the following conclusions, viz.:

1. That iron is the prevailing ingredient in the water; that it is held in solution by the carbonic acid; that when the water is exposed to the action of the atmospheric air, or is acted on by heat, the acid is extricated and the iron precipitated; the purple color struck by the vegetable astringents, and by distilled spirits; the precipitate produced by the caustic fixed alkali, and the blue tinge communicated to the water by calcareous and alkaline prussiates, all indicate the presence of iron. 2. That the water is also impregnated with the sulphurated hydrogenous gas, its sulphurous smell, its possessing the property of blackening silver, and its receiving a green tinge from the admixture of vegetable purple juices, I consider as proofs. 3. That the water contains aluminous and magnesian earth, its effects on soap, its effervescing with the sulphuric acid when deposited as a sediment, and the new combination which takes place on the admixture of that acid, induce a belief of this fact.

The following case of an Enlarged LIVER *was communicated by Dr.* JOSEPH FOOT *of North Haven.*

In January, 1810, I was called to visit Thankful, wife of Solomon Linsly, Esq., of Branford, aged 49. On inquiry it appeared that her natural constitution had been good—that she had uniformly enjoyed good health, excepting periodical turns of headache, attended with nausea accompanying the menstrual flux, and sometimes slight hemorrhoidal affections.

As the menses disappeared the hemorrhoids increased, and for two years past, particularly the preceding and present season, had been attended with so great an evacuation and pain as very much to debilitate the system. Previous to my seeing her, by the application of white lead and oil, the discharge was suddenly

checked, and no apparent ill consequences resulted from it, excepting a strong apprehension of future evil.

My inquiries whether any tumors, pains, or soreness had ever been perceived in or near the stomach, were answered in the negative; but, on examination the following night, a large indurated tumor was discovered apparently in the stomach, rather inclining to the left At this time the appetite and digestion were but little impaired, the pulse almost natural. She was immediately put on a free use of mercurials and cicuta, internally and externally, and a moderate hemorrhoidal affection was again induced by stimulants locally applied; the system was moderately affected, and a gentle ptyalism continued for several weeks, with occasional use of absorbents, bitters, and physic, as symptoms indicated.

Comparing the situation and size of the tumor with the symptoms, I could not be satisfied which part was diseased. Counsel was called, and after determining successively that it must be the liver, spleen, pancreas, and an organic substance in the stomach, we left the patient as wise as we came. Under the use of medicines mentioned, she continued gradually to decline until about the 8th of February, when she was suddenly attacked with most excruciating pain, especially on moving, in the left hypochondrium. Bleeding, fomentation, antispasmodics, and blistering were used, and in a few days the pain abated. During the severity of pain the tumor entirely disappeared, and by some was thought to have discharged; but immediately returned, of the usual size, as the spasms gave way. From this time she gradually declined (and as far as I could judge by the sight and touch, through the integuments, the tumor very slowly increased) until the 29th of May, when death closed the scene.

Leave had been previously obtained to examine the body; but in consequence of the distance and accidental circumstances, it was not opened until nearly twenty-four hours after decease. Upon dissecting the integuments, almost the whole cavity of the upper region of the abdomen was filled by the enlarged left lobe of her liver, which appeared to be in an intermediate state between schirrus and ulceration, resembling the cortical part of the brain. The right lobe of natural size, and, excepting a few schirrosities, preserving a healthy color—the gall-bladder moderately full of healthy-looking bile, the stomach very small and pressed to the left, the right kidney very much enlarged, the liver, when dissected out,

weighed nine pounds and seven ounces, the exterior edge being about seven inches thick—owing to the length of time after death; and satisfaction being obtained as to the disease, no further examination was made.

An Instance of the Fatal Effects of Canine Madness.

James Remington, a lad of about six years of age, was on Saturday, the 28th of October, 1797, on a visit at his uncle's, Mr. Erastus Grangers, in Suffield. The boy observed that his uncle's dog growled at him, when he first saw him, and told some of the family that the dog threatened to bite him—he escaped at that time, however, unhurt; but soon after this lad, with some other boys, were at play in the street, at some distance from the house; the same dog followed the boys to the place, and there fell upon said James and bit him in the face; the boys beat the dog off, and he ran home. This adventure produced some disorder among the boys, and put an end to their diversion. James, with his mates attending him, returned to his uncle's with his face wounded and bloody; as he drew near the house of his uncle, the dog was by the gate; as he came up the dog flew at him with great violence, threw him down, and wounded his face in a most desperate manner; one of his tusks entered the lids of his right eye, and rent them both open —one tusk perforated the cheek on the left side, and tore out two of his teeth; at the same time wounding his face badly in several other places. In this mangled condition he was carried into the house, and the dog immediately killed. I was directly called to see him. After washing off the blood and examining the wounds, the eye-lids were united by a suture on each lid, and the wounds dressed in the usual manner. The boy complained of great pain in his face at intervals, which was probably in consequence of the wounds which he had received. A considerable degree of inflammation had succeeded, and in about two days his face was so much swelled that both eyes were entirely closed, and he was totally blind for some days; after the inflammation had subsided, a pretty good digestion succeeded. and the wound discharged freely, which was encouraged by the stimulating digestions, in order, if possible, to prevent the effects of infection in case the dog should prove to

be mad, which began to be apprehended by many, and the accident excited a general alarm in the neighborhood, particularly in the family and among the friends of the wounded boy. At this time no pains were spared to obtain the best advice as to the mode of treatment on supposition that the virus had been communicated to the lad; he was put upon a mercurial course of medicine, and the mercurial ointment frequently applied to the parts affected; as the inflammation abated, he began soon to recover appetite, cheerfulness, and activity; some of the wounds were healed by the first intention, others showed a disposition to unite, and would have closed up, but our object was to keep them open and excite a free discharge; symptoms appeared favorable, and the boy in a fair way of recovery, until Tuesday, the tenth day from his receiving the wounds; towards evening the family observed he began to droop and did not appear so cheerful and active as before; the night following, he was rather restless and disturbed in his sleep, and did not rest so well as usual; Wednesday morning on removing the dressings, the wounds were dry without any discharge, notwithstanding they discharged freely when dressing; the preceding morning he appeared lifeless and dull, complaining of some pains in the wounded eye and in his head, accompanied with a slight fever, with other symptoms usually attending a cold, and it was hoped his complaints originated from that source; in the afternoon of the same day, however, the family observed, as he attempted to drink, that he was attended with starting and twitching, particularly in his neck, which drew his head back. On being asked why he did so, he replied he could not help it. This symptom alarmed the family, and I was immediately called in—he was now frequently attacked with sharp darting pains through his head and breast, attended with spasms, particularly when he attempted to drink; the night following he was restless and uneasy, slept but little, and that in short disturbed naps, starting as in a fright. These symptoms increased during the course of the night. On Thursday morning all the foregoing symptoms had increased to an alarming degree; he lay on the bed and chose not to be moved; his countenance was pale, attended with momentary flushes in the cheeks; anxiety and distress were visible in his face; he appeared in a state of general debility, yet the nervous system excited to the highest state of sensibility. Fearfulness in particular seemed to be a predominant symptom, which was even apparent in his coun-

tenance; respiration was difficult and laborious, especially in the return of paroxysms, which were become frequent; at each inspiration spasmodic catches, resembling short sighs, interrupted his breath; when he attempted to drink he was seized with violent spasms, particularly in the neck, which drew his head back with great force, notwithstanding his utmost exertions to prevent it; even the mentioning of drink would produce similar agitations, and bring on a return of the fits; he was able only to get down a teaspoonful of liquid at a time, and that with great difficulty, which he seized with eagerness, trembling, and agitation; he seemed to have the same aversion to the wet clothes which were used in fomentation and applied to his stomach, and renewing them producing nearly the same effect as drinking. At intervals of ten or fifteen minutes, he was seized with a violent catching for once and no more at a time; this symptom was singular and what I had never before noticed in any disease; the noise produced by this effort was sharp and shrill, different from what is usually the effect of retching to vomit (hence remarked by many that were present, that it resembled the noise made by a dog) it seemed to be occasioned by violent spasms of the diaphragm without sickness, as he had never discharged any thing from the stomach except a little wind; he remarked that he felt a little better after it; this symptom resembled in some measure a sickness, but bore a nearer resemblance to retching from sickness of the stomach, and attended him at longer or shorter intervals through the course of the disease. He would frequently shriek out in great distress from the acute darting pains in his head and breast; these shrieks resembled those of infants in convulsion fits, as they were commonly called, and seemed to be the effect of fearful apprehensions as well as of pain; at this stage of the disorder he often complained of the cold, and was attended with frequent rigors. His pulse at this period was about one hundred in a minute; he retained the exercise of his reason, unless fearfulness might induce some degree of derangement in the rational faculties. The white of the eye which had not been wounded appeared a little inflamed.

Under these threatening symptoms, no doubt could be entertained as to the infection. By advice of several physicians, who were called, he was put on the use of opium and milk, in large and repeated doses, and the room directed to be filled with the fumes of vinegar. In the space of about three hours from taking the

first dose of opium, the retching was become less frequent, and not quite so violent, the other symptoms continued much the same; in the evening the pulsations of the arteries were about one hundred and ten in a minute; he complained of a dysuria, and attempted frequently to make water without effect; he inclined rather to be up than in bed; the catching for breath was not so frequent nor so hard; the turns of shrieking were rather more frequent, attended with extreme agitations, and some degree of delirium in time of the paroxysm. In the course of the night the dysuria abated, and whenever he attempted to drink he would void urine, which symptom continued through the remaining progress of the disease. He would swallow with less agitation and pain than before the use of the opium and milk; he passed the night without any sleep. On Friday morning there appeared a sensible alteration or variation of the symptoms; the pulsations in the night had increased to 120 a minute; they were now fallen to about ninety, with frequent intermissions; he refused altogether to lie on the bed, chose to continue in an erect posture; he appeared wild, in great hurry and agitation, constantly talking and in continual motion; the sighing had subsided in a great measure, but the retching continued; he could take liquids with less terror and agitation.

About this time he began to complain that his throat was full and felt sore, and at evening a hoarseness succeeded the other symptoms; the pulsations had fallen to about eighty-five in a minute, with frequent intermissions and were now become very feeble, the violent retching continued, a coldness of the hands and feet had begun to appear some time before, but was now more apparent. He had taken about sixteen grains of opium in the space of twenty-four hours in divided doses, and sundry portions of musk, which had in some measure moderated the violence of spasms, but not subdued the disease. Friday evening, seven o'clock, symptoms began to grow more alarming, his loquacity subsided, and was succeeded by great anxiety and restlessness, constant tenesmus, and after about two hours endeavor, he evacuated a small quantity of extremely fetid matter. About eight o'clock, with much difficulty, he got down a small portion of musk, after which the raving increased fast—extremely difficult to retain him on the bed—pulse very low and fluttering—eyes fierce and staring—countenance very wild—nine o'clock, he, with great exertion got down the usual dose of opium—anxiety and restlessness

increasing to a most distressing degree, until about twenty minutes after nine, when he evacuated from the stomach a quantity of viscid phlegm, which gave him temporary relief; at which time he lay down quite calm until about ten, when, by attempting to swallow a teaspoonful of tea, was extremely convulsed, and every symptom returned with redoubled force; violent subsultus of the tendons, frequent retching to vomit, was almost strangled with tough viscid phlegm in the throat, his whole nervous system was in the most violent agitation, his mind in constant perturbation; he starts often, asks if there was not a dog in the room, foams and froths at his mouth, etc. He now loses his speech, his extremities grow cold, pulse entirely gone, and, exhausted with striving, he sinks down upon his pillow; at this time his friends anxiously hope that his sufferings are soon to be at an end; at about eleven o'clock he suddenly revived, sat up, took a cloth and wiped off the saliva from his mouth, quite calm and free from convulsions. Thus he continued till about twelve o'clock with an anxious melancholy on his countenance, and unable to speak, but would point to any one in the room, whose name was mentioned to him, gave his hand to each one of the family, while his looks spoke more than words can describe. He now made several fruitless attempts to convey a spoonful of tea to his mouth, and after many trials succeeded, but was shockingly convulsed by attempting to swallow.

About one o'clock Saturday morning, he puked up a very viscid mucous with a little tea which he had last taken, the sight of which threw him into the most extreme convulsion, grinding of the teeth, involuntary fits of laughing and crying by turns; even the sight of liquids now threw him into great distress; two o'clock, more terrible still, frequent grinding and gnashing of the teeth, foaming and frothing at the mouth, eyes extremely fierce and staring, starting with the most fearful apprehension, catching at things in the air, and at the bed-clothes, striking violently with his hands and feet, though not at any particular object; he never made any attempts to bite or injure any person—he could now speak to us as to be understood; he continued thus to rave with the most sudden and violent contractions of the body, with frequent retchings to vomit, but little discharged until, between three and four o'clock, quite exhausted, he again sunk back upon the pillow, when with a ghastly countenance, staring eyes, laborious and interrupted respiration, but free from convulsive affection, retaining the faculties

of feeling, hearing, and knowing his friends, and able to speak distinctly, he continued till five minutes past five o'clock, when in a moment, without a struggle or a groan, death closed the scene.

HOWARD ALDEN.

An Unsuccessful Case of HYDROPHOBIA, *treated upon the Stimulating Plan.*

February 18, 1806. This day I visited, for the first time, a patient bitten seven weeks since by a dog supposed to be mad. This patient was a lad of seven years. The circumstances were these: As the boy returned from school he saw a dog sitting by the side of the path upon his hind legs The boy was frightened at the unusual appearance of the dog—began to run, the dog pursued him, threw him down, and bit him several times in the wrist, making a very deep lacerated wound. The inflammation and pain of the wound was very considerable, which was treated with poultices, and suppuration induced. From the time of the accident until the symptoms of hydrophobia came on, the boy was under an alternate course of mercury as prophylactic. On the 17th the parents became alarmed at the appearance of the disease, viz.: pain in his arm, shoulder, and bowels, with restlessness and increased sensibility, and some difficulty in swallowing. The attending physician gave him calomel in doses of two grains every two hours, with laudanum sufficient to restrain it from passing off by the bowels. On the 18th I found him with pain in his arm, shoulder, and bowels, tongue covered with white fur, the wound put on a livid appearance, had entirely ceased to discharge, difficulty of swallowing at this time great; yet he was able to overcome it, had frequent and sudden inspirations, like a person suddenly immersed in cold water, pulse slow, small, and irregular, sometimes a full stroke, quick succeeded by a small one, pupils very sensitive to light, and extremely so to sound; when he drinks he has a wild stare with his eyes, rolling them back; he speaks with great earnestness, and a commanding tone of voice; if any one comes into the room he commands them to go out immediately; when he is informed it is one of the family,

he becomes quiet; frequently he calls for water, as soon as the vessel is brought into the room he springs up in bed and cries, "Carry it out, it will kill me;" when he is told that it is the drink he called for, says "O! I'll drink it, I thought it was something that was going to hurt me." Mercurial ointment was rubbed into the thighs very freely; injections were given with temporary relief of the pain in the bowels; the matter discharged was of a dark green color. At 11 o'clock A. M. a council was called, consisting of the physicians of the town. Influenced by Cullen's nosological arrangement, and Dr. Mease's supposed analogy between this disease and tetanus, the council advised to treat the patient upon the stimulating plan—increase the dose of laudanum and submuriate of mercury—give injections of the bark, wine, and opium—bathe the body with sweet oil. Although several ounces of strong mercurial ointment were applied to the surface by frictions, and forty grains of submuriate of mercury given, not the least effect was produced upon the mouth and bowels, unless the pain in the latter was increased by it. The difficulty of swallowing and all the other symptoms were very much aggravated in the afternoon. He began now to froth at the mouth—the convulsions became more frequent and continued longer, agitating the whole body in such a violent manner as to require two men to keep him in bed. During his paroxysms he became delirious, imagining some person was going to kill him—frequently begged to go home—he frequently attempted to bite, tore pieces out of the bedclothes, and continued to chew them for a considerable length of time. The frothy saliva discharging from his mouth in great quantities, was very troublesome to him, though it did not appear to be viscid; he often attempted to wipe the saliva from his mouth, which he rarely succeeded in doing on account of the spasms. In the intervals of the convulsions he expressed much anxiety lest he should bite his attendants. His skin was uniformly dry until within an hour or two of his death. At 7 o'clock, P. M. a mild delirium came on; in the intervals of the spasms he laughed, and tried to excite laughter in others by obscene language—imagined himself sliding on the ice with his companions—attempted to be witty with them. During this mild delirium, swallowing was not as difficult as it had been—touching his body excited the spasms; when any thing was given him to drink, he was directed to open his mouth wide, and the liquid was poured

far back upon his tongue; if the spoon touched his mouth before the liquid was poured into it, he could not receive it. Oil was applied to his body with some little relief, or at least it was agreeable to him. Sulphuric ether, given in teaspoonful doses diluted with water, produced convulsions much more violent than those which were occasioned by swallowing water.

Previous to this delirium, and in lucid intervals, he took medicines very well, exhibited decision of mind and strength of resolution in taking liquids beyond what would have been expected from a boy of his years. The tincture of opium (two ounces of opium to one pound proof spirit) was given on the 17th, in doses of 8 drops, and increased gradually until he took a teaspoonful every hour; on the afternoon of the 18th, in the space of five hours he took one-half ounce of the above tincture, without any perceptible effect in stopping the progress of the disease; he was taken out of bed and a pailful of cold water suddenly thrown upon him; he was immediately wrapped in blankets and laid in bed; the affusion produced violent convulsions, which continued longer than usual; after being laid in bed was more quiet for a little time. At eleven o'clock the spasms subsided, pulse scarcely perceptible, became comatose, had a cold sweat, continued in this condition until one o'clock, when he died.

Dissection.—The brain was first examined. The blood vessels of the dura and pia mater were very much distended with blood; the other parts of the brain exhibited no marks of disease. The glands of the throat were tumefied; papillæ at the root of the tongue were very much so, and the excretory ducts of the sublingual glands were livid with the spots produced on the skin by the bite of leeches. The tonsils were larger than common, and contained several pustules filled with purulent matter. The trachea contained a froth like that which had been thrown out of the mouth in so great abundance in the latter stages of the disease. The lungs appeared healthy. In the left ventricle of the heart was a polypus. The intestines were much distended with flatus and a dark green matter. The gall-bladder was unusually large, and filled with dark-colored bile.

Would not the remedies used in this case probably have had more effect if the excitement had been reduced previously to their administration, by depleting the blood vessels, and evacuating the contents of the primæ viæ? If stimulants were proper, would not

local stimulants such as acetate of copper, sanguinaria canadensis, lobelia inflata, or tincture of cantharides, with more certainty than diffusible stimulants, have removed a disease which had a local determination? Is there any analogy between the orgasms of hydrophobia and the tonic spasms of tetanus; if there had been, would either have aggravated the symptoms; and if the disease had been of a weak action, would the meninges of the brain shown marks of inflammation?

ELI IVES.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATIONS.

Gentlemen,—*Considering experiments and facts, tested by experience, as the only sure ground of medical improvement, I submit to your consideration the following case, to publish or not, as you shall think most conducive to the good of Society.*

S. J., aged 35, of a robust constitution, plethoric, and of an irritable habit, indulging in a free use of ardent spirits, January 2, 1806, was attacked on the road by a dog, and bitten in several places on the buttock, near the gluteus maximus muscle. As no cases of diseased dogs had occurred, he pursued his business, without any apprehension of danger, washing the wounds with spirits. A lad in New Haven had been previously bitten by the same dog on the same day, and another afterwards in North Haven.

The dog pursued his course, making an unprovoked and violent attack on every animal in his way; this soon alarmed those who were bitten; the boy in North Haven applied to me on the 3d of January; by applying caustic freely, giving mercurials, and cortex peruvianus, a violent inflammation was excited, a free suppuration ensued, and continued for five weeks; no ill consequences have resulted from the bite. January 5th, S. J. applied to me for directions relative to his wound, the same course as above described was adopted, but the inflammation and suppuration were much more moderate than in the other case; the calomel powerfully infused the system, and was continued as long as was thought prudent. Although extremely alarmed at his situation, he made a free but forbidden use of spirits. February 22d, the

wound gradually healing, S. J. being at work, about twelve o'clock was suddenly attacked with a sense of great weakness without pain. but of short duration; it was soon succeeded by another similar attack; about this time, attempting to eat dinner, he was affected with a violent pain in the stomach and breast, difficulty of swallowing, followed by retching to vomit. Being at a distance, I did not see him until about five o'clock; he was then exercised after short intervals with the most excruciating pain in the breast, stomach, lumbar region, and throat; an almost entire inability to swallow, spasms of the extremities, motions of the eyes and body instantaneous as lightning, countenance bordering on furious delirium, sensibility and hearing far more exquisite than I had ever seen. thirst great, but very averse to attempt to swallow. I immediately bled him about two pounds, with little mitigation of pain; in about twenty minutes two pounds more were drawn; faintness immediately followed, the pains abated, and he slept some part of the night, with occasional spasms, and twitching of the tendons. It may be remarked in this place, that after he was bitten he procured a recipe from Dr. John Crouse, of the State of New York, in which he placed confidence. Soon after the second bleeding, it was prepared and given him; at this time he had not swallowed anything from the time of attack. The first portion was swallowed with difficulty, and as he thinks with great relief to the spasms in the throat. From this time he gradually regained his health.

Dr. John Crouse's recipe.—"Take of the lower jaw of a dog burnt and powdered, one teacupful, sulphur of Venice one-half teaspoonful, and if you please one third of a colt's false tongue, and a small quantity of blood-root and poke-root, reduce them to a compound, and give the patient one-half teaspoonful in water; in half an hour give the filings of one-half copper; repeat the application on the following day. The above are sufficient doses for an adult. To a child give discretionally. Use no sweet milk for two or three days."

This, like the amulets of old, must require great credulity, and strong faith to prove curative. In what manner could the sudden depletion operate?

N. B. The lad in New Haven died with symptoms of hydrophobia the week previous to the attack of S. J. And almost every animal known to be bitten, died diseased, unless destroyed

before the common period of attack. The above named S. J., several years before this period, when inebriated, had one or two fits resembling epilepsy.

JOSEPH FOOT.

The following, as a marked case of the powerful and sudden effects of unequal excitement, and disproportioned action of the arterial and venous system, constituting the characteristic difference of petechial from common fevers, is submitted to the public.

Meric Linsly of Branford, aged 26, of a healthy habit, remarkably strong digestive powers, on Saturday, March 18, 1810, after eating a full dinner, was suddenly attacked with the common symptoms of fever. My father, Dr. Jared Foot, was applied to, administered an emetic, and after the operation, an active cathartic, directing, after the operation, mild diaphoretic drinks. Early on Sunday morning, it was discovered that the body and lower limbs were interspersed with vibices, some nearly as large as the hand, and down to the size of a cent; totally black and insensible, the upper limbs with petechiæ of a small size. In this situation I was called to visit him about ten o'clock; his pulse full but not hard, great anxiety and restlessness, with oppression of breathing; countenance highly morbid, skin moderately warm, intellectual functions evidently impaired. Being equally alarmed with his friends, with the approbation of the attending physician, he was immediately put on a free use of diaphoretic powder, composed of opium, camphor, sal. nitre and ipecacuanha; soft wood boiled in water, and wrapped in woolen, was applied near the body and limbs, and frequently changed; a moderate use of warm wine, and a frequent use of sal. soda dissolved in water; in an hour or two a free and equal sweat was induced, and moderately continued; the anxiety and uneasiness somewhat abated; at evening Dr. Jared Potter came as counsel; it was agreed to continue the above practice with a mild purge of oleum ricini during the night. March 11th, in the morning the symptoms of danger were not increased, the effusion had not spread, but was evidently circumscribed by a lighter color, the physic operated freely, the discharge highly fetid

and slightly discolored, the same treatment moderately continued with a free use, in substance, of camphor. The afternoon exacerbation increased with more activity of the vital functions, and less derangement of the animal. For several successive days, the above practice was continued with the addition of ether, lavender, etc., and daily purging, and absorption from the margin of the effused blood gradually progressed until nearly one-half of the extravasated blood was re-absorbed. The skin and cellular substance, too torpid to be restored, sloughed off, and the ulcers were treated as usual; at one time there were about thirty ulcers to dress; the uniformity of the subsequent symptoms and mode of treatment preclude the necessity of following the disease from day to day. Early in the disease it was discovered that the muscles and optic nerve of the right eye appeared to be in a state of partial inactivity; during the convalescence, this state was succeeded by a moderate inflammation in the eye; by the application of cold water and the common remedies, the action of the eye was so far restored as to be susceptible of vision, when, by a sudden exposure to the full rays of the sun, vision was entirely destroyed, and is now considered by some a cataract and others a gutta ferena. The health of the young man, by a moderate use of the diffusible stimuli and mild tonics, is perfectly restored.

JOSEPH FOOT.

TO THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

Gentlemen,—An answer to the question, viz.:—"*What is the most eligible method to promote Medical Knowledge in the State of Connecticut?*"

In prosecuting the subject I shall consider and treat the matter as though every physician in the State was incorporated, and of course subject to be influenced by the censures and encouragements of the President and Fellows, and constrained by their laws.

Admitting this to be the case (which is in a great measure true), it is from the said encouragements, frowns, and constraints, we

are to expect the greatest stimulus; hence proper regulations become matters of the highest importance. The arrangements hitherto adopted (by your respectable body, do them much honor) in some points have failed in their operation; this no doubt gave rise to the question now before me, and to obviate the difficulty, I would submit to your wisdom the following considerations, viz.:

The society have proposed several important questions to be discussed by the faculty, with the flattering encouragement of the public thanks of the society to whomsoever should make the most satisfactory reply; but unhappily the importance of the medical science is so little attended to by the people at large in this State, that a public declaration of a man's learning and ingenuity in this laudable profession does not raise him to that degree of eminence as to excite him to pursue an intricate subject with that persevering industry which an accurate investigation might require.

But how is this to be remedied? I answer, by adding a pecuniary reward. But (say some) is not the cause of humanity, and the applause of his fellow-citizens, a sufficient incentive? Why, truly at first sight it seems it ought to be; but when we look into all other societies we find it otherwise; and you will pardon me for supposing physicians to be like other men. To illustrate this we have only to reflect that among the numerous faculty in this State, a very small proportion have hitherto been induced to put pen to paper. This neglect I impute to the particular circumstances of a great proportion of physicians in this State, whose moderate prices and necessary attention to a common subsistence, will not permit them to devote any considerable proportion of their time merely to obtain applause. This in some instances I know to be the case.

But admitting a pecuniary reward to be necessary, the next question is, How is money to be raised without burthening those very men who are already cramped by their poverty? With becoming deference to your better judgment, I would propose the following methods:

First—Let our representation be lessened. From the county of Fairfield, which contains about thirty members, are sent five fellows; this makes the ratio as one to six, which appears to me a very great proportion. The necessary expense of this representation will require, every session, a tax of at least one dollar on each member, which I confess is nearly as much (considering the present advantages resulting from the institution), as will be cheerfully sub-

mitted to. Now, if instead of five fellows, only two, or even three were to be deputed (which I conceive would be amply sufficient for every legislative purpose) there would be a saving of twelve dollars in this county only; and admitting the county of Fairfield to be an average ratio for the State of Connecticut, ninety-six dollars might every session be deposited for the benefit of the institution, without any additional burden to individuals. This, properly modified into premiums, with the applause naturally connected, would, I believe, prove a sufficient incentive to put the wheels of genius in motion, and that many useful communications would be the result.

Secondly—Should this method be deemed ineligible, or on experiment be found inadequate, let us look up to the honorable legislature of the State, whose patronage of learning in general has of late been so conspicuous as to afford a well-grounded confidence that it would lend a helping hand in so laudable a pursuit.

And, *thirdly*—Should such solicitation prove abortive, let a subscription be opened and presented to the beneficent of the faculty and other patriotic gentlemen.

In the next place, permit me to offer a few hints respecting the growth and discipline of our institution. The design of every incorporation is, that each component part should add a value and efficacy to the general mass; and on this principle is founded the association of our present society; that each member, from his different genius and opportunities, should by his discoveries contribute something to the improvement of the medical science and the benefit of mankind. And while each individual is engaged in his own proper sphere, he is deriving to himself the accumulated advantage of the labors of the many.

Hence the utmost caution ought to be exercised in the initiation of members. Every applicant who is not likely to add utility or respectability to the society ought ever to be excluded. And when admitted, let him be punctual in his attendance at the periodical county meetings to which he belongs; which I am sorry to say, has, so far as my acquaintance extends, been too generally neglected. To remedy this, I would propose the enaction of a bye-law, making it the duty of every member, once in a reasonable time, to exhibit a narrative of some interesting case which shall have occurred in the course of his practice, marked with the most striking peculiarities, together with his system of cure. And if

nothing should occur which might merit a relation, let him produce a dissertation on some medical subject. And in case of neglect, let the delinquent be subjected to a reasonable fine, and let a repeated and obstinate omission amount even to an expulsion.

Fourthly—Let our honorary degrees be administered with the most scrupulous impartiality. Let merit be the only ladder to diplomatic honors, and whether in youth or in age, in affluence or penury, let the deserving applicant receive a hearty welcome; and let a personal application, accompanied with proper specimens of meritorious worth, instead of being deemed an arrogant presumption, be encouraged as a laudable emulation.

Finally—From the various combinations of honor, emolument and improvement, may we not expect to see the faculty incited to a more close attention to the laws of animal nature; to the power and operation of medicine on the human system; and a cheerful readiness to communicate whatever may be interesting or useful. Genius and industry, however obscurely lodged, will be encouraged by finding free access to honors and emoluments; and the medical meetings in the several counties, will, from the many useful communications, become interesting periods. And, no doubt, such collections of knowledge might frequently be made, as would adorn the closet of every physician.

GIDEON SHEPHERD.

A case of that species of Dropsy called ANASARCA, *communicated by* ABRAHAM TOMLINSON, M.D., *of Milford.*

Daniel Burne, aged 58 years, middle stature, narrow chested, light eyes and hair, complained of shortness of breath and lassitude, attended with tumor of his legs, scrotum, and abdomen, to that degree as nearly to fill a common sized shirt and trowsers, and was so unwieldy as scarcely to walk. I had been sick during this period of Mr. Burne's illness, till he had arrived to the state above described.

On my first visit, July 11, 1803, I found him given over by his physician and friends, despairing of recovery. At this time his

pulse was feeble, little thirst, urine small in quantity and high colored, with costiveness and loss of appetite.

On considering this case, I was of opinion that it originated from an enlarged liver, occasioned by a too free potation of ardent spirits, which over stimulated the absorbent lymphatics of the cellular membrane, and produced a paralysis or torpor of the same (which I name *indirect debility*), in consequence of which the cells of the cellular membrane become replete with a mucilaginous fluid, which constituted the disease.

Having investigated the complaint (to my own satisfaction), I proceeded to the method of cure, founded on the following data:

I said (agreeing with Dr. Brown), it was necessary to begin the cure with strong stimulants, such as fox-glove, squills, cuprisus salts, etc., and gave them in such quantities as to produce nausea, by a continued irritation until the lymphatic absorbents that open into the cellular membrane should became inverted and produce a large flux of urine.

For promoting this intention, I selected the digitalis, which I used in decoction, prepared by boiling an ounce of dried leaves in a pint and a half of water to half the quantity, to which I added one gill of spirits.*

I gave two large tablespoonfuls for a dose once in four hours for about twenty-four hours, which produced sickness and gentle vomiting; at this time a copious flux of urine commenced and continued for two or three days. The quantity evacuated on the second day amounted to three gallons one pint and a half, ascertained by actual measuremeant; the amount for the other days was judged to be more than that on the second day; the whole quantity discharged was about seven gallons.

About the fifth day the evacuation was completed, and left him (to use a vulgar expression) nothing but skin and bones.

When I first visited this patient, the compression (occasioned by the tumor) on the arteries and abdominal viscera was such as greatly to impede the circulation and suspend the peristaltic motion of the intestines, whence costiveness, etc.

The sudden removal of this pressure reduced the patient to great languor, so much so, that I found it necessary to use opium in small repeated doses to prevent swooning, also to give a dose of

* Two additional decoctions were used in this case.

rhubarb to evacuate the contents of the bowels, which had the desired effect. After this I completed the cure by the use of bark and iron, aided by wine and occasionally opium.

I gave as much as two drachms of filings, and half an ounce of bark in substance, in twenty-four hours, in alterative doses; at the end of seventeen days dismissed my patient, convalescent.

A case of Uterine Polypus *removed by ligature.*

June 15, 1809, I was called to visit Mrs V. with disease of the uterus. Previous to her present complaints she was very healthy and industrious, has one child twelve years of age, her parturition with that child without any extraordinary symptoms, and enjoyed perfect health for several years afterwards. At the time of my first visit, she complained of pain in the sacrum, hips, pubis, extending down the thighs, with sensation of bearing down, when in an erect position. Sometimes she passed urine in small quantities with pain, at other times in very large quantities, without pain. The menses were regular as to the time of their commencement, beginning with pain, and terminating with hemorrhage. For two years past, the catamenial evacuations were small in quantity and without pain, for the first twelve hours after their commencement, then began the most violent pain in the groin darting through to the sacrum illium and down the thighs to the knee. These pains were referred to the bones by the patient. The case had been declared by the physicians who had visited the patient a schirrous os tincœ. The patient had taken astringents both vegetable and mineral, to restrain the hemorrhage, and made use of injections into the vagina of preparations of lead, also worn sponge, and taken conium maculatum; under the use of these remedies the disease constantly increased.

On examination, the parts exhibited the following appearances: passing the finger about two inches into the vagina, a convex body was felt distending the sides of the vagina. The lower part of this body was perfectly spherical, receding upon pressure like a prolapsed uterus; by pressing the tumor to one side of the vagina, the finger passing about an inch further, came to indurated parts,

which, upon superficial examination, appeared like the continuation of the same tumor. Upon further examination, however, the finger could be passed between the indurated parts and the tumor, until its diameter was not more than half or three-fourths of an inch. These indurated parts which surrounded the body of the tumor, and embraced about two-thirds of it, proved to be os tincœ very much enlarged and indurated. The enlargement of the os tincœ was principally upon the right side, where it gave the feel of another tumor. The surface of the tumor was very smooth and resisting to the touch.

In uterine affections, it is of the last importance to discriminate between fungous excrescences and inversions of the uterus. The insensibility of the tumor, while the adjacent tumefied parts were very sensible; the form of the tumor, perfectly spherical below, and diminishing its diameter above, until it terminated in a mere peduncle of an inch and a half in circumference; the fact that no cause had been known to have existed which could have produced inversion, together with the frequent and profuse hemorrhages, were the reasons which induced me to think the disease a fungous excrescence, commonly called polypus.

Not relying upon my own opinion solely in a case of so much consequence, I asked counsel. Dr. Eneas Monson (whose superior talents, and continued friendship to me, I am happy on every occasion to acknowledge) was the physician who was called in consultation. It was agreed that the tumor was a polypus, that the only remedy was extirpation, and the most eligible mode, that by ligature.

The operation was delayed for some weeks on account of the debility of the patient, and her reluctance to the operation, and also from the expectation that the neck of the tumor would become elongated, so that the place of its insertion might be better ascertained, and the application of the ligature facilitated.

The last catamenial evacuation previous to the application of the ligature came one week sooner than ordinary. The evacuation as usual was moderate, and without pain, for the first twelve hours, then came on severe pain, for which warm teas were given and fomentations applied to the parts affected; the pain ceased and the hemorrhage came on so violently as to threaten the life of the patient. * Compd. tinct. of vitl. and phosphorus acid were given,

* See tenth Vol. Med. Com. Phila. Dobson.

cold vinegar and alum applied without any effect. The hemorrhage was finally stopped by plugging the vagina with a napkin, as directed by Mr. Burns in his treatise on uterine hemorrhage. It was now determined to apply the ligature as soon as the hemorrhage should cease, it being apprehended lest the irritation of applying the ligature during the hemorrhage would increase the evacuation, and the patient die in our hands. The hemorrhage continued for three weeks, some part of the time profusely. The patient had now lost her color, and was so weak as scarcely to be able to raise herself in bed. The patient was now informed by her physicians that her flowing would continue until the commencement of another period, which would not be far distant, and which she could not survive. She now gave her entire consent to the operation. The common double canula was used, bent to apply to the convexity of the tumor. The ligature was a common skein of sewing silk braided. The ends of the ligature were introduced through each tube of the canula, leaving a noose out of the canula, sufficiently large to pass over the body of the polypus. I attempted to pass the ligature by first passing the canula up the sides of the tumor, but the polypus with the canula so completely filled the vagina, that the finger could not be passed to carry over the ligature. The canula was then withdrawn, and the ligature attempted to be passed before it. After two hours exertions to apply the ligature, it failed, and it was very evident that it could not be done by the common canula. At this time the hemorrhage was moderate, and the exertions made to pass the ligature had not increased it. Mr. Cooper's improved canula would have, no doubt, answered the purpose in this case, but could not be procured at this time; as a substitute for it, I procured a very large probe needle, eight inches in length, and about one-eighth of an inch in diameter; above the eye of the probe was a large head, to avoid lacerating the parts. This probe answered the purpose perfectly well, and had the advantage of Mr. Cooper's canula, on account of its simplicity, and in avoiding the danger of wounding the tumor, which must attend the passing the ferrules on the tubes with his fork.*

I threaded the eye of the probe with the silk, the probe being bent to apply to the convexity of the tumor. The probe was

* See Mr. Sam. Cooper's First Lines of the Practice of Surgery, page 107.

readily passed with the right hand as far as the neck of the tumor, when with the fore finger of the left hand, the silk was kept in its place, while the probe was carried round the tumor, until it came to the finger of the left hand, then withdrawn and slipped off the ligature. The two ends of the ligature without the vagina were drawn through both tubes of the canula, and made fast to its ears. The ligature could have been carried further up, but it was feared lest some part of the uterus would be embraced in the noose of the ligature, which would have proved mortal.

August 23, 1809, the ligature was tightened, and the hemorrhage ceased immediately, and never appeared afterwards. The ligature was tightened every day, using moderate force at first, until the density of the neck of the tumor was ascertained. I found great advantage by inserting small pegs into the canula, to prevent the cords from retracting, until I had time to make fast to the ears. I was necessitated to make use of this, or some other expedient, to gain a mechanical advantage, on account of the hardness of the neck of the tumor. The patient took bark and wine, and her health mended during the time of the application of the ligature. The eighth day the canula came down, inverting the tumor and bringing the neck to the os externum. On the ninth day the polypus was removed with the blunt hook —a very fetid smell was perceived in twenty-four hours after tightening the ligature.

The neck of the polypus was not cut off where the ligature was applied, but sloughed off like an umbilical cord. Two weeks after the polypus had been removed, an examination was made, and the parts found almost restored to a healthy condition as to size, and relative situation. Within the os tincæ on the cervix of the uterus a roughness was felt where the peduncle of the polypus had been attacked. The health and strength of the patient mended very fast, the catameniæ became perfectly regular in every respect, and in three months she was able to attend to the ordinary business of her family, and at this time, August 1, 1810, enjoys perfect health. The polypus weighed four ounces; it probably lost as much as one third of its weight, from the time of applying the ligature until it was removed. ELI IVES.

Case of Biliary Calculi, *by* Dr. Lemuel Hopkins.

Mrs. Millar, aged fifty-two, of a sanguine choleric temperament, the mother of thirteen children, commonly healthy, except that she had been subject to transient turns of jaundice, of short duration, for about twenty years, was taken with dysentery late in the summer of 1797. Some of her family also had the same malady, of which she lost a little son. This, together with the loss of a favorite son of flattering hopes and adult years, some months before, depressed her spirits exceedingly and seemed to retard complete recovery. Several of the rest of her family the succeeding fall were ill of the late epidemical fever, of which one was sick seventy and another ninety days. The agency of these causes was aided by her having recently passed the period of *menstrual cessation*, and her laboring under mental depression and bodily infirmities usual with the sex at that period of life. She continued some weeks under the symptoms of general debility, considerable emaciation and mental depression, tempered, however, with native fortitude. In the course of the fall or early in the winter, her eyes and skin grew yellow; strong pains seized at times the pit of the stomach, extending along the course of the bile ducts, affecting in a very depressing manner the back at its junction with the diaphragm. In the progress of the winter the paroxysms of pain increased in force and frequency of attack, till she was in almost continual pain; her eyes and skin passed through all the shades of bilious yellowness, till the latter became of a dusky hue. A cutaneous eruption came on by degrees, attended with intolerable itching, which she mistook for the genuine *itch*. Her appetite decayed, her turns of vomiting became frequent, her feces were of a light ash-color and tough, her weakness and emaciation arose to an alarming degree, and she had also much faintness, till the last of February, or early in March, 1798, she was treated chiefly with tonics, bark, etc., together with small doses of opiates, under the idea of nervous debility. At that time it was adverted to that her disorder was of the icteric kind, and that biliary calculi, passing the duct, were the real cause of all her symptoms. A saponaceous diluent course was prescribed, along with a quantity of opiates sufficient, at all events, to render her pains at all times tolerable. Finding this, however, difficult, she

was bled after she had followed the course about a month. Weak and emaciated as she was, the bleeding gave great relief, and the blood taken, which was about six oz. in quantity, was very buffy. The next day after bleeding she took salts and manna. When she entered on this course a strict search was enjoined to detect any calculous matter which might pass off in her stools. It was not long before small gravel and a sandy grit were daily found in quantity from a third of a teaspoonful to three teaspoonfuls a day. In the last of March or beginning of April, after a paroxysm of pain difficult to repress by a very free use of opiates, she voided a gall-stone of the size of a large hazelnut, and about a week after another of the size of a nutmeg, or five-eighths of an inch in diameter. In the nucleus of the first were some particles of sand as she voided, cemented loosely by glutinous bile. The nucleus of the other was not apparent. Both were made up of concentric lamina, like the coats of an onion; the two outermost of which were of a chocolate-color, the rest of a bilious yellow. The surface of each had the polish of the smoothest pebbles on the sea-shore. The form of the larger calculus was nearly globular, and no part of its surface indented. For ten hours before it passed into the bowels, she had the most excruciating pain, incapable of being sensibly repressed by very large doses of opiates, together with an almost incessant vomiting. On voiding this her pains all vanished, leaving only a sense of soreness and pressure, as she expressed it, at the pit of the stomach for a few days; the yellowness of her skin and eyes went rapidly off; her appetite and power to digest hearty food returned; bile flowed freely into her bowels, and her flesh within ten days was sensibly increased. Even then, however, she continued to void some sand in her stools of a yellower hue than that which came off before the large calculi; for that was of a light color, almost like floor sand, with a small portion of a chocolate color, but the gravel was in part like whitish flint gravel for color, of a roundish shape, the rest of chocolate color, and the most part flat and angular, like small pieces of broken slate-stone. Some, however, of both sand and gravel resembled spermaceti for whiteness. Her medicines, after she was treated as ill of a jaundice consisted (First) of opiates in larger and smaller doses as occasion required, which were commonly given once a day in an enema. (Second) Of the galls of

animals inspissated to the consistence of pills by a very moderate heat. In this way she took the galls of twenty-two dozen eels, and still more of that of hogs.—(Third) Bitter saponaceous pills. —(Fourth) Neut. effervesc. mist —(Fifth) Such diluents as decoctions of the opening roots, cheese whey, weak green tea and other pleasant herb teas.—(Sixth) In her turns of puking, weak lean fowl broth, salted to her taste.—(Seventh) Occasionally purges, whenever the bowels were tardy. These medicines, however, were all used at the same time. Opiates, diluents, and gall, the latter alternated with the bitter saponaceous pills above mentioned, were the only medicines constantly used. The neut. effervescing mixture much relieved a faintness which often attended her, and more than any other drug, opium excepted, counteracted puking.

A little calomel (gr. 2) with hesitation was added to two or three of her purges at first; but in the latter part of the treatment was discontinued.

Are not mercurials especially when so used as to enter the habit, improper in such cases ?

Did not the light-colored sand and gravel, which she voided before the large calculus came off, form in the biliary ducts, in their course between the large calculus and the entrance of the ductus communis into the duodenum, and also into the hepatic duct, and not back of that obstruction in the gall cyst ?

Is it not important in such cases of a total and long obstruction of the flow of the bile into the bowels, to throw substitutes for that peculiar fluid into the first passages, assiduously ? and is there any substitute which can at all compare with the gall of such animals as digest the food of man ?

Is not inspissation, in a very moderate heat, to a consistence proper for pills, the best mode of preparing the bile, especially for such as cannot take bulky bitter doses ?

TO THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATIONS.

Gentlemen·

The following case of retroverted Uterus may be important, on account of the simple means used to restore the Uterus.

September 23, 1808, Mrs. A—— of New Haven, a woman of forty years of age, the mother of eight children, in jumping from a horse, felt something give way in the pelvis; at this time she supposed herself to be about three months advanced in pregnancy. The shock was followed by great weakness; sensation of bearing down, costiveness, dysuria, nausea, and vomiting, and all the train of hysteric symptoms, arising from the stomach. sympathizing with an irritating and inflamed uterus. These symptoms were supposed by the patient to arise from her pregnancy, and of course were endured with patience, until they increased to a very alarming degree. A period of fifteen days elapsed, during which she took a little castor, valerian, etc. At this time she was examined. Entering the vagina, the finger met a tumor twice the size of a hen's egg, between the vagina and rectum, pressing itself forward into the vagina, and occupying two-thirds of the os externum. A finger of the other hand was passed into the rectum, by which it appeared that this tumor was a sack of the rectum filled with indurated feces, which sack had been formed by the pressure of the superincumbent uterus; passing the finger into the rectum, a little farther up, the rectum was entirely obstructed by the fundus of the uterus, beyond which the finger could not pass, and on which it could make no impression. The uterus at the same time was felt by the finger in the vagina, wedged firmly between the sacrum and pubis and the os tincæ, in the superior and anterior parts of the vagina. At this time the stomach could retain nothing—strong spasms agitated the system frequently; bowels were full and tense, particularly above the pubis; frequent inclination to pass urine and stool, with much pain and distension in the pubis. The urine had been entirely obstructed; but for two or three days past the patient thought she had passed the usual quantity of urine; however, the catheter was introduced, and eight pounds and three ounces of urine drawn off. The rectum was also emptied. The patient was laid upon her back, her hips raised; in this position, with two fingers in the vagina, and two in

the rectum, exertions were made to restore the uterus, until her physicians were satisfied that it could not be restored in this manner. The patient was placed on her knees and elbows, and repeated trials made to restore the uterus, but with no better success. The uterus was finally restored by an instrument resembling a probang, made of a cylinder, the size of the finger, and eight or ten inches in length, on the end of which a head was formed, by winding flax and covering it with soft leather, as large as could be passed into the rectum. With this instrument, oiled and introduced into the rectum, the patient on her knees, the thorax lower than the pelvis, two fingers in the vagina, and much force applied by the instrument and fingers, the uterus was raised above the brim of the pelvis. The patient was enjoined rest and a recumbent posture; and after the usual period of gestation, was delivered of a healthy child.

A Member of the Society.

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